

January 23, 2022 — THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY—via Zoom

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please remember that when you see (p) at the end of a line, count "1, 2" before moving on to the next line. This pause will enable us to stay together in reading the service.

GREETING: The Rev. Dr. Laurence "Larry" Packard

PRELUDE: Invocation Carlo Rossini

OPENING HYMN 362: "Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!"

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy
sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name in earth and sky
and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.

Music: *Nicea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

THE SALUTATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *(each person unmutes)*
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant and People say (we will pause at the end of each phrase until all are ready for the next phrase)

Almighty God, *(p – pause, 1,2)*
to you all hearts are open, *(p)*
all desires known, *(p)*
and from you no secrets are hid: *(p)*
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts *(p)*
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, *(p)*
that we may perfectly love you, *(p)*
and worthily magnify your holy Name; *(p)*
through Christ our Lord. *(p)*
AMEN.

THE GLORIA (S 280)

Sung by all (Centrally Mute All – Judith unmutes)

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 sin 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. *(each person unmutes)*
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.

People **AMEN.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 *(Centrally Mute All – reader unmutes)*

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Reader The Word of the Lord. *(each person unmutes)*

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19:7-11, 14 *(Book of Common Prayer, p. 607)*

7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *the judgments
of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of
my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a *(Centrally Mute All – reader unmutes)*

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any

less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *(each person unmutes)*

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN 577: "Here in Christ we gather"

(There will be one time through with just the music then we will each sing) (Centrally Mute All – Judith unmutes herself)

Refrain: God is love, and wherever true love is God himself is there.

1 Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling.
Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.
Let us fear and love him, holy God eternal.
Loving him, let each love Christ in one another.

Refrain

2 When we Christians gather, members of one Body,
let there be in us no discord but one spirit.
Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel.
Christ, our God, be always present here among us.

Refrain

3 Grant us love's fulfillment, joy with all the blessed,
when we see your face, O Savior, in its glory.
Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,
be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises.

Refrain

Words: Latin; tr. James Quinn (b. 1919), alt.
Music: *Ubi caritas* (Murray), A. Gregory Murray (b. 1905)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4: 14-21

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *(each person unmutes)*

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

(Centrally Mute All)

Narrator: Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. Jesus began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. Jesus stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

Jesus:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Narrator: And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them,

Jesus: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord. *(each person unmutes themselves)*

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. Packard ***(Centrally Mute All – the Priest unmutes)***

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Celebrant and People together (everyone unmutes)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, ***(p – pause, 1,2)***
creator of heaven and earth; ***(p)***
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. ***(p)***
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit ***(p)***
and born of the Virgin Mary. ***(p)***
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, ***(p)***
was crucified, died, and was buried. ***(p)***
He descended to the dead. ***(p)***
On the third day he rose again. ***(p)***
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father. ***(p)***
He will come again to judge the living and the dead. ***(p)***
I believe in the Holy Spirit, ***(p)***
the holy catholic Church, ***(p)***
the communion of saints, ***(p)***
the forgiveness of sins ***(p)***
the resurrection of the body, ***(p)***
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF PEOPLE, FORM III

The Leader and People pray responsively

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;
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.***

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.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

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 INTERCESSIONS OF THE PEOPLE

The parish prayer list is read.

A PRAYER FOR ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

The Celebrant and People say

Gracious God, ***(p – pause, 1,2)***
Send your Spirit upon us ***(p)***
during this interim period, ***(p)***
and bless our ministries ***(p)***
for the building up of our parish ***(p)***
and the mission of your Church. ***(p)***
Grant us all things necessary for our common life, ***(p)***
And bless our calling of a new priest, ***(p)***

That we might receive a faithful pastor, (p)
Who will equip us for our ministries. (p)
Help us to reach out our hands in love of others, (p)
Even as your Son Jesus (p)
reached out his arms on the cross. (p)
In his name, we pray. Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and each other.

Celebrant and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; (p – pause, 1,2)
in your compassion forgive us our sins, (p)
known and unknown, (p)
things done and left undone; (p)
and so uphold us by your Spirit (p)
that we may live and serve you in newness of life, (p)
to the honor and glory of your Name; (p)
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

THE ABSOLUTION

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.

People AMEN.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the people greet one another in the name of the Lord. (We will call out each person's name and s/he offer us all a greeting.)

THE OFFERTORY: REMEMBER THE WORDS OF THE LORD JESUS AND HOW HE SAID IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

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

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, *(p – pause, 1,2)*

hallowed be thy Name, *(p)*

thy kingdom come, *(p)*

thy will be done, *(p)*

on earth as it is in heaven. *(p)*

Give us this day our daily bread. *(p)*

And forgive us our trespasses, *(p)*

as we forgive those *(p)*

who trespass against us. *(p)*

And lead us not into temptation, *(p)*

but deliver us from evil. *(p)*

For thine is the kingdom, *(p)*

and the power, and the glory, *(p)*

for ever and ever. *(p)*

AMEN.

A PRAYER OF GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Celebrant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, *(p – pause, 1,2)*

we humbly thank you for your goodness to us *(p)*

and to all that you have made. *(p)*

We praise you for your creation, *(p)*

for keeping us and all things in your care, *(p)*

and for all the blessings of life. *(p)*

Above all we bless you for your immeasurable love *(p)*

in redeeming the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, *(p)*

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. *(p)*

In this season of Epiphany, *(p)*

open our eyes to see the light of your mercies *(p)*

that with thankful hearts we praise you, *(p)*

not only with our lips but in our lives, *(p)*

by giving ourselves to your service *(p)*

and by living out your gifts of holiness and righteousness *(p)*

as we let our lights shine in the world *(p)*

through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(p)*

AMEN.

THE BLESSING

May the blessing of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and those you love this day and forever more.

People AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN 632: "O Christ, the Word Incarnate"

(There will be one time through with just the music then we will each sing) (Centrally Mute All – Judith unmutes)

1 O Christ, the Word Incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance
that from the scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

2 The Church from our dear Master
received the word divine,
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that o'er life's surging sea,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
still guides, O Christ, to thee.

3 O make thy Church, dear Savior,
a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations
thy true light as of old;
O teach thy wandering pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see thee face to face.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt.
Music: *Munich*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Ubong Christl*,
Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch, 1693;
adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

THE DISMISSAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION: After the announcements, each person unmutes themselves so we can join in today's virtual reception.

Participants in today's service

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. (Larry) Packard

Minister of Music: Lynn Robinson

Pianist: Judith Marcinko

Readers: Eileen Tallent

Prayers of the People: Barbara Olivere

Sound/Live-Stream: Pete Olivere

Announcements

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Pastoral Care during the Interim Period. The Rev. Dr. Laurence K. (“Larry”) Packard is available for pastoral care—abiding by the Diocesan health and safety guidelines. He may be reached at: minister@stjohnsarlingtonva.org or 703-425-8315 or 703-606-3109.

Our Senior Warden, Cassandra (Sandy) Winger, is the individual charged with leadership until St. John’s gets a new rector. She can be contacted at srwarden@stjohnsarlingtonva.org or on her cell phone at 703-498-6990.

Prayers and cards. If you have any requests for Sunday prayers, intercessory prayers, or a card for someone who is sick, please contact Barbara Oliver at prayers@stjohnsarlingtonva.org.

St. John’s position on racism can be found on the home page of our website, www.stjohnsarlingtonva.org.

New “Forward Day By Day” booklets for February-April 2022, both regular and large-print editions, are available outside by the church entrance in a plastic box. We will bring them back inside into the narthex when in-person worship resumes.

St. John’s Book Club meets on Tuesday, **February 1** at 7 pm downstairs in the undercroft. They are reading *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman, a book about how kindness and compassion count so much in surviving each day — a lesson for our times. Everyone is invited to attend, even if you haven’t read the book. This is a social gathering.