

8:00 SERVICE



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Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
February 7, 2021

Welcome, Visitors!

We are glad you joined us for this online service. Please fill out our [Online Welcome Card](#) so we can get to know you. Visit our website www.st-john-aptos.org, for more information about our community.

Announcements

An asterisk () denotes in-person events or activities.*

Annual Parish Meeting, Part 2 - TODAY, 2 p.m., Zoom. The second part of our Annual Parish Meeting (the first part was the vestry election on Dec. 6) will be held this afternoon on Zoom. We will review the year 2020, including the year-end financial statements, hear reports from ministry leaders, and elect delegates to diocesan convention. (We'll be finished before the Super Bowl starts, I promise!)

Ash Wednesday Services - Feb. 17, *12 p.m. Front Courtyard, 7 p.m., Zoom. We will hold two services on Ash Wednesday: one in-person in the front courtyard at noon and one online in the evening at 7 p.m. We will also have Ashes to Go available as a drive-through in the church parking lot from 6:30-9:30 a.m. and 4-6:30 p.m. If you'd like to have ashes to impose on yourself during the 7 p.m. online service, you can pick up a small personal-size container from Ashes to Go.

Lenten Taizé Services - Wednesday nights, 7 p.m., Zoom & YouTube. We will again hold Contemplative Taizé services on Wednesday nights in Lent (Feb. 24, March 3, March 10, March 17, and March 24).

***Bishop's Visitation - Sunday, March 7, 10:30 a.m. (One Service).** We will hold one in-person, outdoor service at 10:30 a.m. on the Sunday Bishop Lucinda is scheduled to make her (somewhat less than) annual visitation. The service will also be simultaneously broadcast on Zoom and YouTube so that people unable or uncomfortable to participate in person can still take part.

MORNING PRAYER

Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer (1979)

Opening Sentence

BCP 76

Officiant I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept to allow time to confess specific sins to God.

All 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.

Absolution

BCP 80

Officiant: 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 Invitatory & Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

BCP 80

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Jubilate (*Psalm 100*)

BCP 82-83

Antiphon: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Antiphon: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

Psalm 147:1-12, 21c

BCP Version

1 Hallelujah!
 How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
 how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
 he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted *
 and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars *
 and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
 there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
 but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 ing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
 make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
 and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
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- and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.
- 21 Hallelujah!

The Lessons

Introduction to the First Lesson

Our first reading is from the third section of the book of Isaiah, where the theme turns from words of condemnation and judgment to words of hope and comfort for the people of Israel in exile in Babylon. (The first part of chapter 40 is the famous “Comfort, O comfort my people” passage that we read during Advent.)

Isaiah 40:21-31

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,

mighty in power, not one is missing.
Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the canticle.

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah

BCP 93-94

The Officiant leads the Canticle in the style of their choice.

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: ***
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Introduction to the Second Lesson

In the first 15 verses of chapter 9, Paul argues that ministers of the Gospel like himself deserve to be paid for their work, but he has given up this right and chosen to work for free, not taking any payment from the communities he serves.

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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

A bell is rung. We wait until we cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the canticle.

Canticle 19: The Song of the Redeemed

BCP 86-87

The Officiant leads the Canticle in the style of their choice.

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.
Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: ***
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Introduction to the Gospel Reading

In the Gospel reading, we see more examples of Christ's identity being made known through healing and exorcisms -- although, in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus is always telling people not to tell anyone about the miracles he performs.

Mark 1:29-39

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Lector **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

A bell is rung. The preacher waits until they cannot hear the residual of the bell ringing anymore before beginning the sermon.

Sermon: Mother Tracy Wells Miller, Rector

A moment of silence follows the sermon.

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

Server The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Server Let us pray.
All 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.
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.

Suffrages B

BCP 97-98

Server Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
People Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Server Day by day we bless you;
People **We praise your Name for ever.**

Server Lord, keep us from all sin today;
People **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

Server Lord, show us your love and mercy;
People **For we put our trust in you.**

Server In you, Lord, is our hope;
People **And we shall never hope in vain.**

Collect of the Day

Server Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

BCP 98

Server O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

BCP 100

Server Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Mission

BCP 100

Server O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Community Prayers

For Birthdays:

BCP 830

Watch over Austin Strock (8), Dee Roe (10) & Sally Lewis (13), 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.

For Baptism Anniversaries:

BCP 421, modified

Almighty God, through baptism you unite us to the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ and commission us for ministry in his name. As your servant _____ celebrates the anniversary of their baptism, give them courage, patience, and vision, and strengthen them in their Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Wedding Anniversaries:

BCP 431

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; send therefore your blessing upon your servants _____ that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For Travelers:

BCP 831

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, in particular _____; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness
 to us and to all whom you have made.
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,
 and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for your immeasurable love
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,
 by giving up our selves to your service,

and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Closing Versicle & Response

BCP 102

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Concluding Sentence

BCP 102

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

Serving Today at 8 a.m.

<i>Presider & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller, Rector
<i>Server:</i>	Win Fernald
<i>Lesson:</i>	Chris Cottle
<i>Epistle:</i>	Nelson Crandall
<i>Gospel:</i>	Bart Coddington
<i>Usher:</i>	Bart Coddington

Scripture Introductions: The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller