

# St John's Episcopal Church Walpole, NH

January 17, 2021, Second Sunday after the Epiphany

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept. Please stand as you are able for the hymn*  
HYMN

*The Hymnal 440*

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to  
2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness  
3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night  
ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings  
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to  
help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.  
God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.  
Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

OPENING SENTENCES

*Book of Common Prayer, Page 78*

*People remain standing until the psalm*

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

*Isaiah 60:3*

CONFESSION

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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.**

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 AND PSALTER

*Celebrant:* Lord, open our lips,  
*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise**  
*Celebrant and Officiant* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

DEUS, DEUS, MEUS *Psalm 63:1-8*

*Officiant:* The Lord has shown forth his glory.

*People:* **Come let us adore him.**

**O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.  
Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.  
For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.  
So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.  
My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.  
For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.**

*Officiant:* The Lord has shown forth his glory.

*People:* **Come let us adore him.**

PSALM 139: 1-5, 12-17

*Read in unison. People may be seated.*

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.  
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 altogether.  
4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.  
5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain 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.  
15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.  
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.

*Following the Psalm:* **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.**

OLD TESTAMENT

*1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)*

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." [Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli

all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.]

*Following the Lesson...*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### CANTICLE 12

**O all ye works of God now come  
to thank him and adore;  
O angels sing and bless the Lord  
and praise him evermore.  
O sun and moon and stars of heav'n  
your endless praise outpour;  
O changing seasons, bless the Lord  
and praise him evermore.  
O heat and cold, O night and day,  
O storms and thunder's roar,  
O fields and forests, bless the Lord  
and praise him evermore.  
O earth and sea, O all that live  
in water or on shore,  
O men and women bless the Lord  
and praise him evermore.  
O let his people bless the Lord  
like righteous souls of yore;  
let those of holy, humble heart  
come praise him evermore.**

#### THE EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 6:12-20*

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

*Following the Lesson...*

The Word of the Lord.

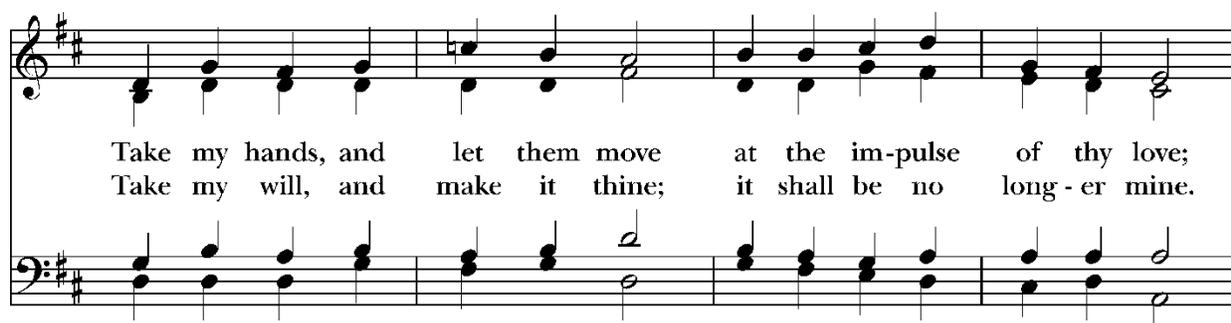
**Thanks be to God.**



1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.



take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

## THE GOSPEL

*John 1:43-51*

A Reading from the Gospel of John.

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.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

*The Rev. Duncan Hilton*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Book of Common Prayer, Page 96*

**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.**

OFFERTORY

*The Doxology*

Offerings may be mailed to PO Box 179, Walpole NH, 03608

PRAYERS

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*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**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.**

SUFFRAGES B

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
- R. **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**
- V. Day by day we bless you;
- R. **We praise your Name for ever.**
- V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
- R. **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**
- V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
- R. **For we put our trust in you.**
- V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
- R. **And we shall never hope in vain.**

THE COLLECTS

INTERCESSIONS

*Form II, Page 385*

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People may offer their own prayers.*

Celeste Garbarino, Lisa Dumont, Charles Nash, Bobby Hall, Cassandra Sweeney, Joanna Crocker

THE PEACE

*People may unmute and greet one another.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

HYMN (HYMN CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE)

*Hymnal 7*

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap-pear.  
till they in-ward light im-part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy-self dis-play, shin-ing to the per-fect day.

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.

CONCLUDING VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING SENTENCE

POSTLUDE

**PARTICIPANTS TODAY**

Organist – **Christopher Evatt**  
Lay Reader – **Marilyn and Andrew Wilking**

**CALENDAR**

Sunday 1/17, 10 am - 2nd Sunday after Epiphany – Coffee Hour/MLK Q&A with Jack Pratt  
Sunday 1/24, 10 am - 3rd Sunday after Epiphany – Annual Meeting at 11 am  
Sunday 1/31, 10 am – Pastor Duncan Away  
Tuesday 2/2, 7 pm – Candlemas and Seed Blessing  
Sunday 2/7, 10 am – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
Sunday 2/14, 10 am – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Wednesday 2/17, 8:30 am – Ash Wednesday

Sunday 2/21, 10 am – First Sunday of Lent

Sunday 2/28 – Pastor Duncan Away

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Q+A: JACK PRATT on DR. KING AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT**

In honor of MLK Day, stay for coffee hour on Sunday, 1/17 to hear Jack Pratt speak about his experience in the civil rights movement and with Dr. King. We'll reflect together on what that work looks like for St. John's here and now.

### **ZOOM N2: VIRTUAL DINNER WILL RESUME AFTER A BREAK**

After a few months of meeting regularly, the Thursday 6 pm fellowship will take a break for a few weeks. The group plans to resume in a few weeks. Stay tuned! Thanks to Dan and Racheal Scott for anchoring the group this fall.

### **RACIAL JUSTICE AND "SACRED GROUND"**

There was a spirited conversation after diocesan annual convention, including interest in taking action on the diocesan resolution to "act in accordance with our baptismal vows, in particular as it pertains to racial justice in the history and actions of our state and church." One option is for folks from St. John's who are interested to partner with another church and work through the 10-week "Sacred Ground" curriculum. It is a "film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity." Please email Duncan if you'd like to be part of a small group. The group will next meet on Tues., 2/2 at 1 pm on Zoom.

### **CANDLEMAS WORSHIP, TUES. FEB 2/2, 7 PM**

Candlemas is a Christian Holy Day commemorating the [presentation of Jesus at the Temple](#). In England and Ireland this holy day is associated with blessing seeds and candles. The worship will follow the format of Evening Prayer with a special time for blessing seeds and candles. Bring yours to be blessed!

*St. John's Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Duncan Hilton, may be reached at [pastor@stjohnswalpole.org](mailto:pastor@stjohnswalpole.org) or at the office phone (603-756-4533).*

# **Notice of Annual Meeting**

## **St. John's Episcopal Church**

### **Walpole, New Hampshire**

We, the Officers of St. John's Episcopal Church, representing the majority of the members of the Church, hereby agree and consent that the Annual Meeting of the parish be held on the date and at the time and place stated below. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect Vestry Officers, Vestry Members, Convention Delegates and Alternates, to receive and review the Annual Budget for the Parish for 2021 as agreed to by the Vestry, and to transact such other business as may lawfully come before the said Meeting.

**Place of Meeting:** St. John's Zoom Meeting Room  
<https://zoom.us/j/5759275615>

**Time and Date of Meeting:** 11 o'clock AM, Sunday, January 24, 2021

**Slate of Candidates:**

Senior Warden	(Term of 2 Years)	Marilyn Wilking
Treasurer	(Term of 2 Years)	Sarah Downing
Clerk	(Term of 2 Years)	Dr. Charles Montgomery
Vestry Member	(Term of 3 Years)	Dan Scott
Vestry Member	(Term of 2 Years)	
Vestry Member	(Term of 1 year)	
Three Convention Delegates (One Year Terms)		
Two Alternate Convention Delegates (One Year Terms)		

**Signed on behalf of the Officers of the Vestry:**

John M. Pratt, Clerk