



PRAYER SERVICE
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 16, 2022

10:00 a.m.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ASCENSION
Northwoods, MO

Opening Hymn "*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*"

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

F C Am B^b F/C C F

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
 3 Hail the heaven - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!

peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings,

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild, he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

B^b D Gm C7 F C F

with the an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain B^b D Gm C7 F C7 F

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People *You have come to your people and set them free.*

Collect for Purity

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 "GLORIA" (spoken)

*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.*

Celebrant God is with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant 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 Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 36:5-10 *Dixit injustus*

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore, I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn "*Softly and Tenderly*"

Ye who are wea-ry, come home! Ear- nest- ly, ten- der- ly,

Je- sus is call- ing, Call- ing, O sin- ner, come home!

The Gospel

John 2: 1-11

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People *Glory to you, O Christ.*

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

Sermon

Valerie E. Patton

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 Form III BCP page 387

(The Worship 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 Michael our Presiding Bishop, Deon our Bishop, Renee our Rector, and Jamal our assisting Priest. In our Diocese of Missouri, we pray for the people and ministry of Calvary Episcopal Church in Louisiana and Michael, their Rural Missioner. We also pray for our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, and 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 especially:

Cleo Anderson	Joey Beeker	Rose Marie Bell
Chazetta Bland	V. Lester Bond	Harold Briggs
Juanita Carroll	Lorenzo Carter	Bessie Clemmons
Keyanna Dorsey and Family	Aubrey Escoffery	Carman Gayden
Antonio Graves	Suzanne Harris	Kelly Hubbard
Doug Jones	Ruby Mathews	Diana Oliver
Helen Owens	Ezell Roberts	Marion Robinson
Florence Ross	Larry Sample	Patricia Thomas
Sallie Simmons	Gerri Sleydin	Rodney Weade
Douglas Williams	Larry Williams	Laurel Yancey

We pray for all veterans and for those who are currently serving in the military especially:

Sgt. Omar Fernandes (Brantley)-United States Air Force
Sr. Airman Matthew Heeter- United States Air Force
First Lt. Jovonny Carrion-United States Army
Staff Sgt. Ashley Cole-United States Air Force
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Keshar Miller-United States Army Reserve

A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

O God of all mercy and compassion, hear our prayers in this time of illness and infection, of isolation, fear, and uncertainty. We pray for the sick, the dying, and those weighed down by pain, distress, loneliness, and anxiety. We pray too, for all who care for them. We also pray for those who have responsibility for public health and social order especially all medical staff and hospital workers, medical researchers, social workers, all essential workers. And we pray for the leaders of the nations and their governments around the globe that they may make wise decisions in this time of crisis. *Amen.*

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

A Prayer for those wishing Communion

In union, O God, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Announcements

An Epiphany Blessing

Celebrant May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

TODAY'S LITURGICAL LEADERS

Celebrant

The Rev. Renee L. Fenner, Rector

Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Jamal Scarlett

Preacher

Valerie E. Patton, Aspirant to Holy Orders

Worship Leader

Betty Brown

Voice of the People

Michael Griffin

Minister of Music

Rick Earley

OUR MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

Mission Statement: *To be the Light of Christ that builds relationships in our congregation, our community, and with our God.*

Vision Statement: *Finding Christ in Relationships*

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ASCENSION VESTRY

Class of 2022

Stanley Johnson, Jr. Warden

Rickey Mabry

Michael Watson

Machelle West

William Young, Sr. Warden

Class of 2023

Sylvia Thomas

Andrea Young

Class of 2024

Betty Brown

Michael Griffin,

Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SUSPENDED

Our in-person worship services have been suspended until further notice out of an abundance of caution. Please join us each Sunday on Zoom.

ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us for our Annual Meeting next Sunday, January 23rd via Zoom. As we prepare to vote for new Vestry members and an alternate delegate to Convention, please read their bios found at the end of these announcements. **ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS ARE DUE BY THIS SUNDAY NIGHT. PLEASE EMAIL REPORTS TO KAREN.**

WARDEN ELECTIONS FOR CONVOCATION

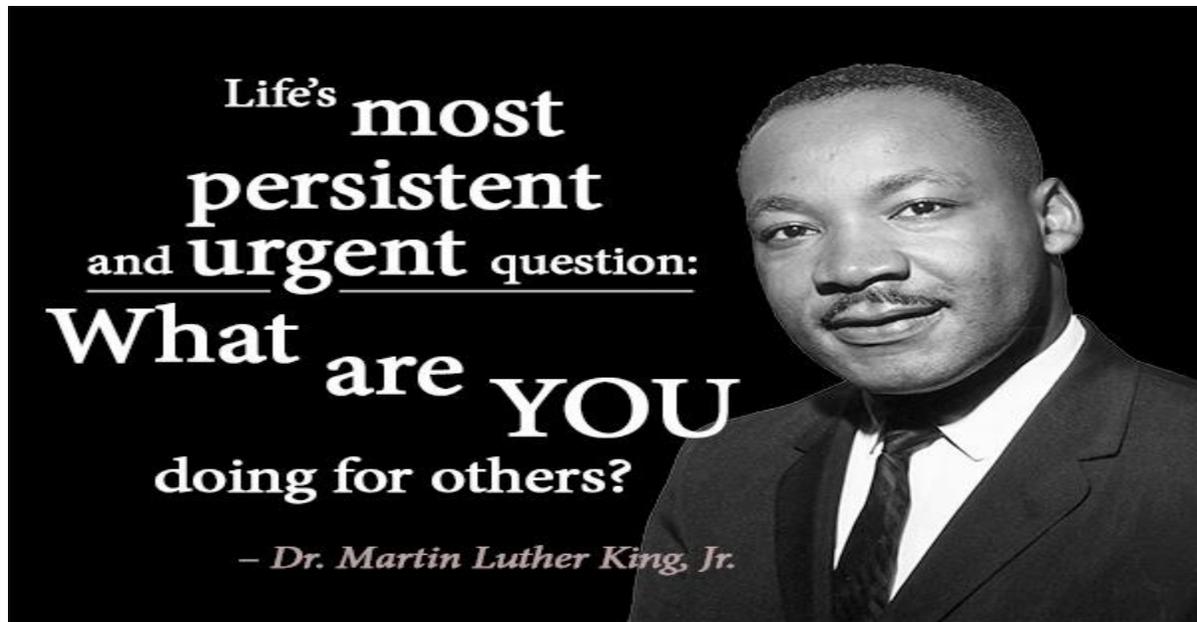
The Emery Washington Steering Committee is seeking dedicated lay persons to be nominated to be the inaugural Warden of The Emery Washington Convocation. The Warden will work alongside the Dean to jointly chair and guide the convocation in its work. The Warden of the Convocation does not need to be a delegate but must be a lay member of a parish within the Emery Washington Convocation and in good standing.

If you or someone you know would like to be a candidate as the convocation's inaugural Warden, please nominate yourself or the individual for election. Nominations must be approved by the candidate nominated. Candidates must submit a bio and recent photo with an email declaring their intent to run.

Please submit nominations to **the Rev. Aaron Rogers** at aaron@trinitycwe.org by **January 24**.

UPDATING THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Church Directory is being updated. The 2022 directory will be printed soon. Please submit changes immediately if your contact information has changed since the 2021 printing. Email changes to Sanford Hamilton at asa2018@sbcglobal.net or the Administrative Assistant at allsaintsadminasst@sbcglobal.net.



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