



PRAYER SERVICE
*FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY/
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD*

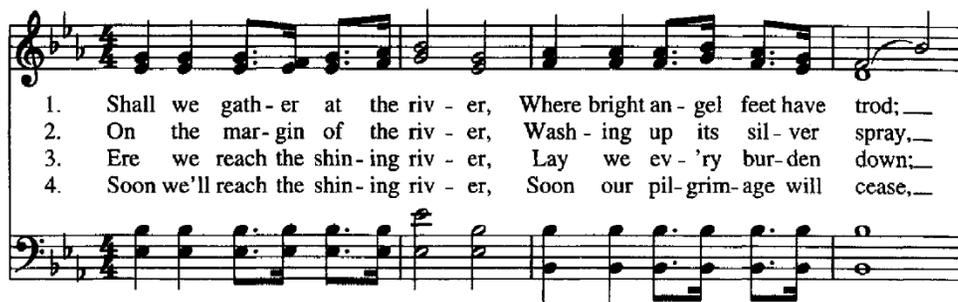
January 9, 2022

10:00 a.m.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ASCENSION
Northwoods, MO

Opening Hymn "*Shall We Gather at the River*"

Shall We Gather at the River



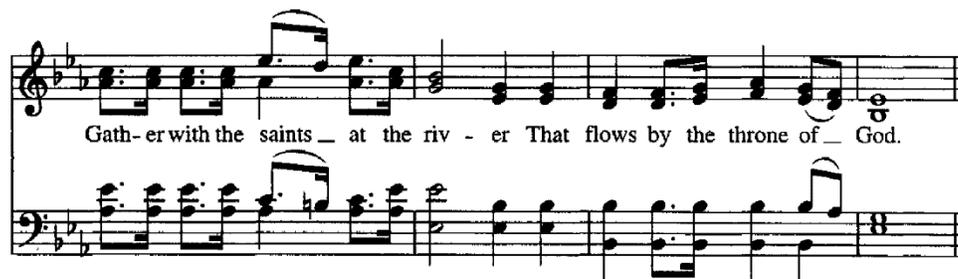
1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod;—
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,—
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;—
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease,—



1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?
 2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.
 3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
 4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

Words: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)
 Music: Robert Lowry

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People *You have come to your people and set them free.*

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People *There is one hope in God's call to us;*

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People *One God and Creator of all.*

Song of Praise "Gloria"

*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 Creator in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth--
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

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

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 8: 14-17

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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Sequence Hymn "*Rise Up Shepherd and Follow*"

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

Unison

1. There's a star in the east on — Christ - mas morn,
2. If you take good — heed to the an - gel's words,

1. Rise up shep-herd and fol - low, — It will lead to the place where the
2. Rise up shep-herd and fol - low, — You'll for - get your flocks, you'll for -

1. Christ was born, — Rise up shep-herd and fol - low. —
2. get your herds, — Rise up shep-herd and fol - low. —

Harmony

Fol - low, fol - low, Rise up shep-herd and fol - low, —

Fol - low the Star of Beth - le - hem, — Rise up shep-herd and fol - low. —

The Gospel

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People *Glory to you, O Christ.*

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

Sermon The Reverend Jamal Scarlett

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows BCP page 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People *I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People *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.*

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People *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.*

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. ***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 St. John's Episcopal Church, Eolia 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 and Preacher

The Rev. Jamal Scarlett

Worship Leader

Gaylard Williams

Voice of the People

Laura Mabry

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 has been suspended until further notice out of an abundance of caution. Please join us each Sunday on Zoom.

ANNUAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars and join us for our Annual Meeting which will be held January 23rd via Zoom. Brief bios of Vestry candidates and alternate Convention delegate candidates will be available soon.

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.