

(Recorded Service) Happy New Year-2021 and welcome. During the COVID-19 pandemic season, we worship online. In this season of great loss, we are grateful for the gift of life, the privilege of sharing in worship and fellowship with others. With them, we are seeking for meaning and solace in this strange and challenging time. As we gather for worship, we offer healing prayers to God for: Saunders Miller, Denise Brown, Lelia Crowders, John Lewis. We offer thanksgiving prayer for our spiritual leaders and for those worshipping with us for the first time. We remember those who have died: Gale Rivera, we pray for a peaceful transition of power in America.

The service is printed in this bulletin and can also be found in the Book of Common Prayer, beginning on page 76.

Music Once in Royal David's City

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tRIZ22dn-XY>

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

*People **And with your Spirit***

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Dear beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth His praise, to hear His Holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence

Officiant and People together

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.

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. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

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.

The Liturgy of The Word

First Lesson Genesis 1:1-5 Angela Patterson

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader: Hear What the Spirit is saying to the Church

People: Thanks be to God.

Music: Alleluia, Alleluia, Worthy is the Lamb

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVFzxazTQNM>

The Psalm: **29** The Voice of God in a Great Storm Prof Lelia Crowders

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

- ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.
- ³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, “Glory!”
- ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
- ¹¹ May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

**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.**

Second Lesson Acts 19:1-7 Dr. Cossette Livas

19 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ² 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.” ³ Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴ 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.” ⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— ⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader: Hear What the Spirit is saying to the Church
People: Thanks be to God.

Go Tell it on the Mountain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ruGHkSWX84>

Third Lesson: Mark 1:4-11

Fr. Asonye

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Reader: Hear What the Spirit is saying to the Church
People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon: "Breath of Fresh Air"

Fr. Asonye

Officiant and People together

The Apostles' Creed

**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, and the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also, with you.**

Suffrages A

Dr. Mary Jackson

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

*The Officiant then says Pray for those on the Parish Prayer List
and the following Collects*

Collect for The Epiphany January 6

Stephanie Lewis

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Joseph Royster

The Baptism of our Lord Father 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.

A Collect for Sundays

Rose Royster

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.**

The Collect of the Day

Paula Price

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

Megan Patterson

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

Angela King

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Collect for Grace

Antia Taylor

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Cris Abad

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.**

A Collect for Protection

Donna Ramsey

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Poor and the Neglected

Reginald Ramsey

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Oppressed

Nicole Livas

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Cities of the Earth

Michelle Brown

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for Clergy and People

Charles Hoffman

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops (Susan, Brooke, Porter), our rector Fr. Asonye and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers for mission

Chuck Crowders

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Grant that these prayers, O God, may be enfolded by our commitment not only to pray for them, but to live them in your Son's name. **Amen.**

Officiant and People

The General Thanksgiving

**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 ourselves 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.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen**

Officiant Alleluia, alleluia, let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Benediction:

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

Now may the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your minds in the knowledge and the love of God and of His Son Jesus Christ. And may the blessing of God, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Adult Forum: Vaccination Update Discussion

Dr. Johnson

Prayer for our Country

Deborah Daniel

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy

Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Important Announcement:

- Bible Study – Wednesday 01/06/21 Online 8 PM
- Join us for worship and reach out to those in your community who are in need.

Worship Songs

Come This Far By Faith

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWiCeB2yMhs>

Joy To the World

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyciMYZq2-Y>

O God our help In Ages Past

<https://www.hymnal.net/en/hymn/h/607>

O Come, All Ye Faithful

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8dgl4-bVPU>

Rock Of Ages Cleft for me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUU5MSTyoBA>

Go Tell it on the Mountain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ruGHkSWX84>

Back Up if needed.

2. It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tqfljm0E1Fk>

3. God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FlfHyb397VY>

4. Lo! He Comes With Cloud Descending

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BlszhvHjBxQ>

5. What Child is This

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQWKjTvPgiM>

6. Jesus The Light of The World

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=whotlj4qPww>

7. Silent Night, Holy Night

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nmioEzAZCVc>

8. Away in the Manger

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WisMfuTZva0>

9. Once in Royal David's City

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tRIZ22dn-XY>

10. Angels, From The Realms of Glory

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ELjgFKACcdQ>

11. Go Tell it on the Mountain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ruGHkSWX84>

13. The Prayer (Matteo, Claudia, Matteo Markus) | Battles | The Voice Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skedQphcZHQ>

Hallelujah

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VoBwzLH2Aig>

Back Up Resources As needed.

Blessed Assurance Jesus is Mine.

Hymn (1982 Hymnal # Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwuDSw-9cUQ>

Because He lives, I can face Tomorrow

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9mg56YMYbw>

Hymnal 1982 #: Oh, Worship The King, All Glorious Above

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dv2BqFgm6_M

Hymn (To God be the glory)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2CeBoSQsBR0>