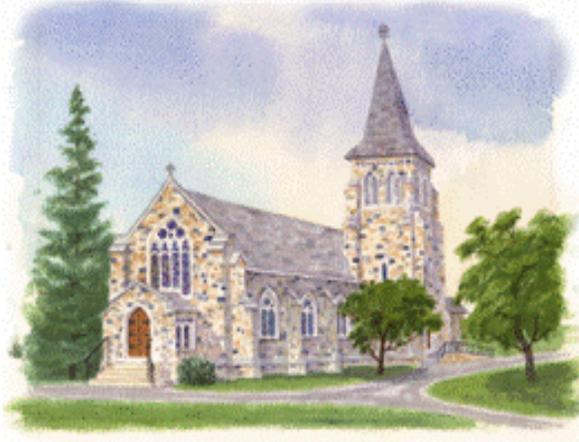


Welcome to St. John's Church



The Last Sunday after the Epiphany *February 23rd, 2020*

We are delighted that you have decided to worship with us this morning. We know that you have other choices on Sunday mornings. We pray that you will find in us a warm and welcoming group of Christians who seek to serve God in Christ Jesus in this place.

Thank you for blessing us with your presence this morning.

Please ask the Greeters if you have any questions or need any assistance.

A NOTICE ABOUT THE READINGS: The Scripture Readings have been removed from our bulletins. Web links to the Readings are included in the Friday e-blast for those who want the lessons beforehand. A brief written introduction is included in the bulletins to help provide context for the listeners. Meanwhile, the Prayers of the People will now be read from the midst of the people. Please be patient as we 'try on' these new formats. Thank you.

Upcoming Christian Education Events

SO WHAT IN GOD'S NAME ARE YOU DOING HERE?

Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

Our Priest-in-Charge, Fr. Hahneman, continues a series of training sessions on Saturday mornings "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."

Saturday, February 29th Lectors
Saturday, March 7th Outreach Committee
Saturday, March 14th Acolytes, Thurifers, Crucifers
Saturday, March 21st Eucharistic Visitors
Saturday, March 28th Intercessors' Group
Saturday, April 4th Holy Comforters

CHRIST IN CRISIS: Why We Need to Reclaim Jesus

Friday Mornings, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Fr. Hahneman, our Priest-in-Charge, is leading an Adult Class reading Jim Wallis' new book about the Reclaiming Jesus Movement. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry wrote the foreword. For more information, see the Priest-in-Charge.

LENTEN VIDEO SERIES "The History of Christianity", a six part series

Saturdays in Lent at 11:00 am in the Parish Library

A History of Christianity, a six part series presented by Oxford history professor whose books about the Reformation have been acclaimed as masterpieces. Intelligent, thought-provoking and magisterial in its scope, the series will uncover how a small Jewish sect that preached humility became the biggest religion in the world.

February 29th : "The First Christianity"
March 7th: "Catholicism: The Unpredictable Rise of Rome"
March 14th: "Orthodoxy - From Empire to Empire"
March 21st: "Reformation: The Individual Before God"
March 28th: "Protestantism - The Evangelical Explosion"
April 4th: "God in the Dock"

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Order of Worship

We invite you to join us as an active participant in the worship of God during this morning's services. Page numbers (BCP) in the bulletin refer to The Book of Common Prayer (red book), which are located in the pews. Hymn numbers in this bulletin, and on the hymn board, refer to The Hymnal 1982 (blue book). Service Music (S- followed by a number) is found in the front half of the Hymnal and hymns in the second half. Please ask the Greeters if you have any questions or need any assistance.

PRELUDE

Fugue in D
Pastorale in F
Adagio in G
Miniatures

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)
François Couperin (1668-1753)
Antonio Lotti (c.1667-1740)
Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

INTROIT

O light of Light, Love given birth

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

Songs of thankfulness and praise

HYMNAL 135

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, p. 323

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, p. 323

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP, p. 324

THE TRISAGION

HYMNAL S102

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

The image shows the first two lines of musical notation for the Trisagion hymn. The top line is a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. It contains two measures of music with lyrics underneath. The bottom line is a bass clef staff with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature, containing two measures of music corresponding to the lyrics above.

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The image shows the second two lines of musical notation for the Trisagion hymn. The top line is a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. It contains two measures of music with lyrics underneath. The bottom line is a bass clef staff with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature, containing two measures of music corresponding to the lyrics above.

THE COLLECT

BCP, p. 217

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS [24:12-18]

In the Hebrew scripture lesson Moses is called up to Mount Sinai, and the glory of the Lord appears. There he is to receive the commandments written on stone tablets. The Lord's presence is essentially indescribable, but it is known in the cloud and fire. The cloud both hides and reveals the Lord's glory, and the scene suggests the awesome majesty of a volcanic mountain.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation is invited to join in chanting the psalm.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



Psalm 99

1 The Lord is King;

let the people / tremble; *

he is enthroned upon the cherubim;

let the earth / shake.

2 The Lord is great in / Zion; *

he is high above all / peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and / awesome; *

he is the / Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,

you have established / equity; *

you have executed justice and righteousness in / Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God

and fall down before his / footstool; *

he is the / Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon his / Name, *

they called upon the Lord, and he answered / them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of / cloud; *

they kept his testimonies and the decree that he / gave them.

8 O Lord our God, you answered them in-/deed; *

you were a God who forgave them,

yet punished them for their evil / deeds.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY *Be Still For the Presence of the Lord* David J. Evans

DOXOLOGY

HYMNAL 380 (verse 3)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP, p. 340

SURSUM CORDA

HYMNAL S112

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

HYMNAL S117

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 336

FRACTION ANTHEM

HYMNAL S171

This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon: Cantor; then All



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

THE INVITATION

*All Baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to come forward to receive Communion,
If you do not wish Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
by crossing your arms over your chest at the Altar Rail.
If you wish Communion brought to you at your seat, please notify a greeter.*

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

French carol,
arr. S. Cleobury

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 339

THE BENEDICTION

HYMN AT THE RECESSION

Be Thou my vision

HYMNAL 488

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in D

John Stanley (1712-1780)

*Please join us in the Parish House following the 10 am service
for refreshments and fellowship.*

*The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God,
in memory of Matthew Flor
by Holly Flor and Rudy Mangels*

The Calendar of the Church Year: Polycarp

Polycarp was one of the leaders of the Church who carried on the tradition of the apostles through the troubled period of Gnostic heresies in the second century. According to Irenaeus, who had known him in his early youth, Polycarp was a pupil of John, “the disciple of the Lord,” and had been appointed a bishop by “apostles in Asia.”

We possess a letter from Polycarp to the Church in Philippi. It reveals his firm adherence to the faith, and his pastoral concern for fellow Christians in trouble.

An authentic account of the martyrdom of Polycarp on February 23 is also preserved. It probably occurred in the year 156. The account tells of Polycarp’s courageous witness in the amphitheater at Smyrna. When the proconsul asked him to curse Christ, Polycarp said, “Eighty-six years I have served him, and he never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my King who saved me?” The account reports that the magistrate was reluctant to kill the gentle and harmless old man, but his hand was forced by the mob, who clamored that he be thrown to wild beasts, as was the fate of other Christians on that dreadful day.

Polycarp was burned at the stake. Before his ordeal, he is reported to have looked up to heaven, and to have prayed: “Lord God Almighty, Father of your beloved and blessed child Jesus Christ, through whom we have received knowledge of you, God of angels and hosts and all creation, and of the whole race of the upright who live in your presence, I bless you that you have thought me worthy of this day and hour, to be numbered among the martyrs and share in the cup of Christ, for resurrection to eternal life, for soul and body in the incorruptibility of the Holy Spirit. Among them may I be accepted before you today, as a rich and acceptable sacrifice just as you, the faithful and true God, have prepared and foreshown and brought about. For this reason and for all things I praise you, I bless you, I glorify you, through the eternal heavenly high priest Jesus Christ, your beloved child, through whom be glory to you, with him and the Holy Spirit, now and for the ages to come. Amen.”

A **RESTROOM** is located at the bottom of the stairs in the Church undercroft. In the Parish House, there is a unisex restroom adjacent to the Choirmaster's office that is more handicapped accessible and Men's and Women's restrooms across from the kitchen next to the Parish Office.

ASSISTING WITH THIS MORNING'S LITURGY

Celebrant	Fr. Geoff Hahneman
Music Director	Dr. Marguerite Mullee
Organist	Jon Lafleur
Lectors	John Magee (8am) Penny Bardel, Marty Sauser, & Joan Beattie (10am)
Eucharistic Minister	Rebecca Bent
Acolyte	Laura Daly
Crucifer	Richard Thompson
Altar Guild	Ginny Reynolds (8am) Sara Coles (10am)
Greeter	Tillie Page Laird
Coffee Hour Hosts	Penny Bardel & Constance Littlefield

Staff

	Priest-in-Charge	The Reverend Dr. Geoff Hahneman (Oxon)
	Music Director	Dr. Marguerite Mullee
	Parish Administrator	Sarah Eyre
	Foundation Administrator	Joan Burgess
	Sexton	Jorge Artieda

Vestry

	Warden	David Gillespie
	Warden	Susan McFeely
	Clerk	Joan Beattie
	Treasurer	Larry Littlefield
	Assistant Treasurer	Hunter Brown

Class of 2020
 Rebecca Lambert
 Darcy Campbell
 Charles Dubow

Class of 2021
 Robert Futh
 Larry Littlefield
 MB Witt

Class of 2022
 Sara Coles
 Mary Davis
 Andris Kalnins

Office Hours and Emergencies

The Parish Office is OPEN Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. If you have a pastoral issue, please call the Parish Administrator who will arrange for someone to meet your needs.

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