



JANUARY 29, 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE
EPIPHANY
MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

WELCOME TO ST JOHN'S!

We are a church whose worship, communal life, and outreach to the New Haven and university communities are inspired by the Biblical message of God's redeeming love for humanity in Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our vision is to grow and be formed in the image of Christ, to be a welcoming, loving, obedient and flourishing church that loves God and serves one another. We exist to be the presence of Christ in our neighborhood, and a blessing to the nations. We are committed to the work of racial healing, reconciliation, and justice.

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SUNDAY JANUARY 29, 2023**

PRELUDE – RENE BARBRE AND MOE GRAVIET

WELCOME- PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

OPENING HYMN

Tell Out, My Soul



1. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
2. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!
3. Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!
4. Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - jice.
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CHILDREN

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children. Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OFFICE OF MORNING PRAYER

OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant: I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. (Isaiah 49:6b)

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. (Isaiah 60:3)

THE CONFESSION OF SIN *(Please kneel)*

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Silence)

**All: 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.**

Officiant: Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER *(Please stand)*

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All: 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. Alleluia.

All: Worship the lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

VENITE—PSALM 95:1-7 (*All say in unison*)

**Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

All: Worship the lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

PSALM OF THE DAY— PSALM 15

Domine, quis habitabit?

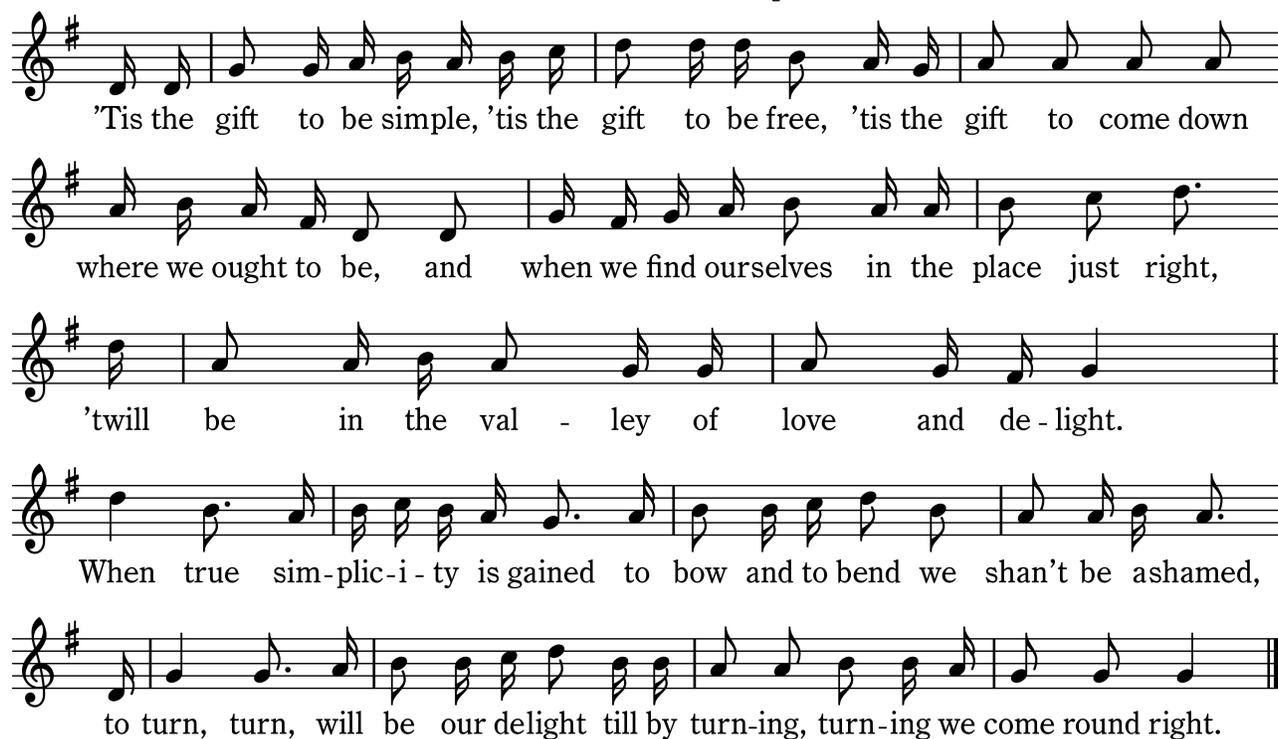
(Congregation reads bold text.)

- ¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- ² **Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,
who speaks the truth from his heart.**
- ³ There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend;
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- ⁴ **In his sight the wicked is rejected,
but he honors those who fear the LORD.**
- ⁵ He has sworn to do no wrong
and does not take back his word.
- ⁶ **He does not give his money in hope of gain,
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**
- ⁷ Whoever does these things
shall never be overthrown.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

(Sing hymn twice.)

'Tis the Gift to be Simple



'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down
where we ought to be, and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.
When true sim-plic-i - ty is gained to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
to turn, turn, will be our delight till by turn-ing, turn-ing we come round right.

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST LESSON—MICAH 6:1-8

Reader: A Reading from the Prophet Micah

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;

for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND SONG OF ISAIAH—ISAIAH 55:6-11

Quaerite Dominum

(Congregation reads bold text.)

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;
call upon him when he draws near.
**Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the evil ones their thoughts;**
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion,
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
**For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
**For as rain and snow fall from the heavens
and return not again, but water the earth,**
Bringing forth life and giving growth,
seed for sowing and bread for eating,
**So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;
it will not return to me empty;**
But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

**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.**

THE SECOND LESSON—CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

Reader: A Reading from the letter to the Corinthians.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF THE REDEEMED — REVELATION 15:3-4

Magna et mirabilia

(Please stand. All say in unison.)

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done,
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth,
O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name?
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you,
because your just and holy works have been revealed.**

**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.**

THE THIRD LESSON— MATTHEW 5:1-12

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

What Does the Lord Require?



1. What does the Lord re - quire for praise and of - fer - ing?
2. Rul - ers of earth, give ear! Should you not jus - tice show?
3. Still down the a - ges ring the pro - phet's stern commands.
4. How shall my soul ful - fill God's law so hard and high?



What sac - ri - fice de - sire, or trib - ute bid you bring?
Will God your plead - ing hear, while crime and cruel - ty grow?
To merchant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.
Let Christ en - due our will with grace to for - ti - fy.



Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
Do just - ly; love mer - cy; walk hum - bly with your God.
Then just - ly, in mer - cy we'll hum - bly walk with God.

THE SERMON – MICHELE SIGG

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(Please stand. All say in unison.)*

**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.**

THE PRAYERS *(Please stand or kneel.)*

Officiant: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: *Let us pray.*

All: **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.**

Officiant: *Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;*

People: ***Govern and uphold them, now and always.***

Officiant: *Day by day we bless you;*

People: ***We praise your name for ever.***

Officiant: *Lord, keep us from all sin today;*

People: ***Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.***

Officiant: *Lord, show us your love and mercy;*

People: ***For we put our trust in you.***

Officiant: *In you, Lord, is our hope;*

People: ***And we shall never hope in vain.***

COLLECTS

The Collect of the Day

Leader: *Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

A Collect on Sundays

Leader: *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.*

A Collect for the Renewal of life

Leader: *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

Leader: 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 Mission

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

(The congregation is invited to add their prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings.)

Leader: In the Episcopal Church of Connecticut Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ & the Epiphany, East Haven; St. John's, East Windsor; Christ's Church, Easton; Holy Trinity, Enfield; Comite Hispano, Spanish-language Cursillo, Latino/Hispanic ministries in CT.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of Pakistan (United).

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM *(All say in unison)*

All: 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.

CLOSING HYMN

(Please stand. The offering will be received as we sing.)

Christ is the World's True Light

1. Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
2. In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
3. One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;
cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
the world has wait - ed long, has tra-vailed long in pain;

free-dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
to ploughshare beat the sword, to prun-ing - hook the spear.
to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

DISMISSAL

Leader: *Let us bless the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

WARRANT NOTICE
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023
NOON

Warning is hereby given to the voting members of St. John's Episcopal Church, New Haven, Connecticut, that the Annual Meeting of said parish will be held at noon on Sunday, February 5, 2023, for the purposes following:

1. To receive reports from the Rector, Wardens, and Vestry and from parish organizations and committees, along with the budget for 2023.
2. To elect officers for the parish, consisting of two Wardens, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, each for a term of one year; to elect Vestry and two delegates and alternate/s to the 2023 Diocesan Convention.
3. To transact such other business as may legally come before such a meeting.

Dated in New Haven, Connecticut this twenty-second day of January
in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

ATTEST: Timothy Hersey, Clerk

DATE: January 22, 2023

ATTEST: The Revs. Charles and Ellendale Hoffman, Priests in Charge

DATE: January 22, 2023

Notice of the above warrant was given by posting the same at the doors of the Parish Church as required in the St. John's By-laws, January 19, 2023.

Morning Prayer Start your day with a short prayer service:
Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 7:30-8:00am
In Grace Chapel

Home Groups are an opportunity to deepen your faith and experience community.
St. John's currently has four groups, which meet every other week:

Sundays 7:00-8:30 pm

Host & Location: John Hare, 15 Everit St., New Haven
Scripture theme: Philippians
Contact: David Mahan, david.mahan@yale.edu, 203-500-6446
Next meeting: Sunday, January 22

Sundays. 6:00-8:00 pm

Host & Location: Kathryn Greene-McCreight, 198 McKinley Ave., New Haven
Contact: Kathryn Greene-McCreight, greenemccreight@aya.yale.edu, 203-687-8910
Next meeting: Sunday, January 29

Thursdays 6:00-8:00 pm (including a light supper)

Host & Location: Gabe LePage, 86 Mansfield St., New Haven
Scripture theme: "Scripture Potluck" -- group members take turns sharing scriptures
Contact : Paul Smith, paulsmith29@yahoo.com, 203-675-4306
Next meeting: Thursday, February 2

Thursdays 1:30-2:30 pm

Host & Location: Bill Rowley, online
Scripture theme: The Questions of Jesus
Contact: Bill Rowley, rowleys@gmail.com, 714-872-0701
Next meeting: Thursday, February 2

Interested in forming more groups?

Contact: Paul Smith, paulsmith29@yahoo.com, 203-675-4306.

OUR PREACHER TODAY

Michèle Sigg lived in Alabama and Georgia before moving to France with her missionary parents at the age of eleven. After college, she taught French at the university and high school levels for many years. In 2012, she received an MTh from Africa International University in Nairobi, Kenya and in 2018, a doctorate in World Christianity from Boston University. She is now executive director of the *Dictionary of African Christian Biography* (www.DACB.org), an open access online resource that documents the stories of African Christians responsible for the spread of the gospel in Africa from the time of Christ to the present (all traditions, all countries). Discovering African and world Christianity played an important role in her spiritual and theological journey, in particular, understanding the role of women in church leadership. She and her husband Sam, also a missionary kid, have lived in New Haven since 2000 with their three children, Johan, Annie, and Catherine. They also have a mischievous wire hair fox terrier named Addie.

RESOURCES FOR THIS LITURGY

- Book of Common Prayer, Morning Prayer Rite II.
- The Lectionary Page: <http://lectionarypage.net>.
- Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer.
- The Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer.
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