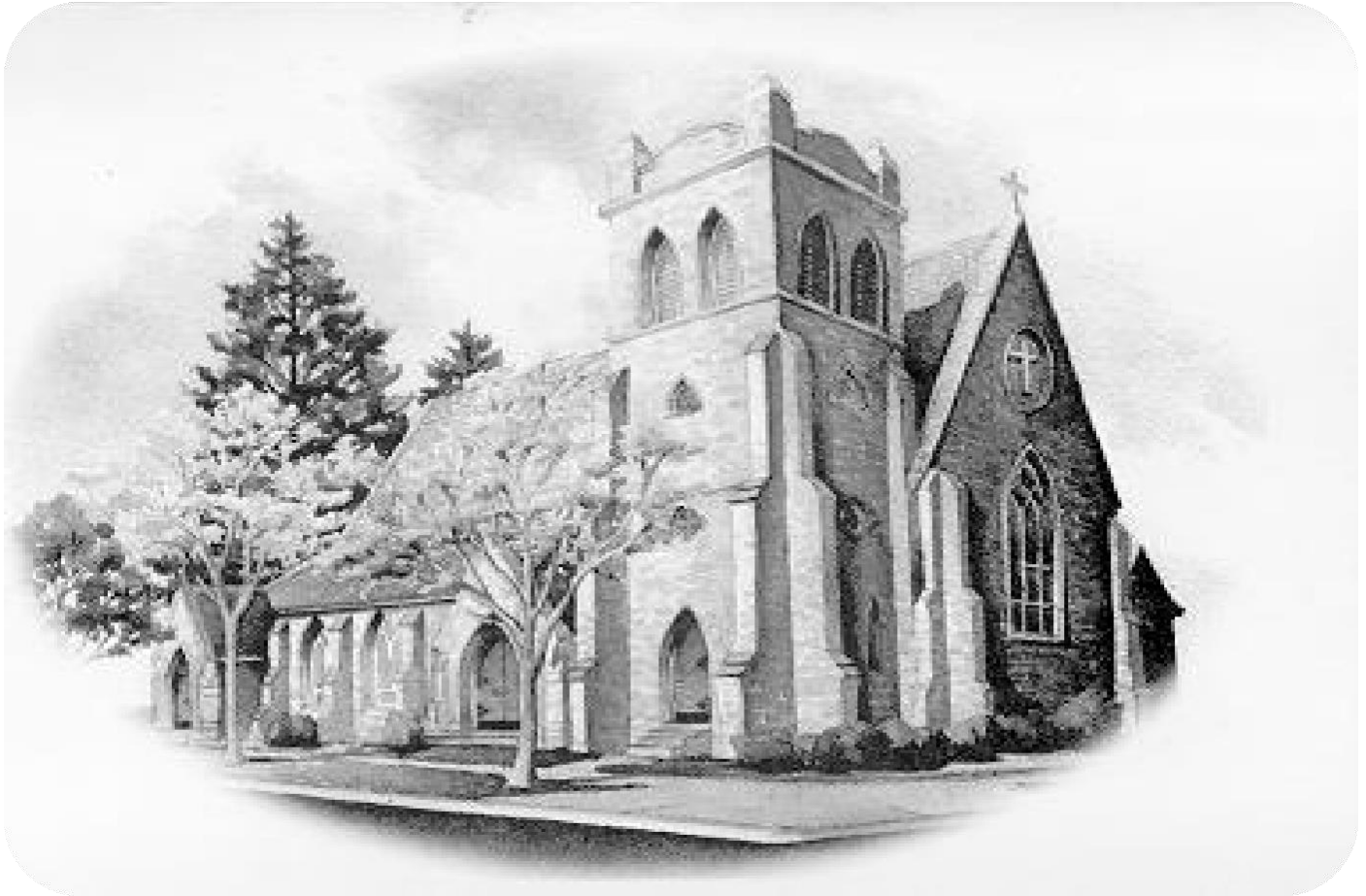


CHRIST CHURCH

NEWTON, NEW JERSEY



The Episcopal Church in the Heart of Sussex County

Founded 1769
Chartered August 15, 1774

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 15, 2023

Prelude: Two Settings of *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Her* BWV 677/717

J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn 117: *Brightest and best of the stars of the morning*

Morning Star

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

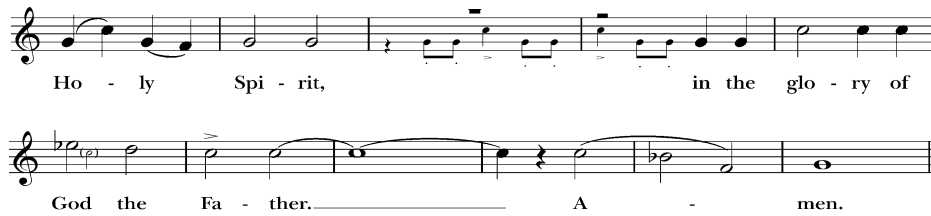
Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Gloria in excelsis, Deo (S278)

Mathias



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

The Lesson Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,

pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born,

while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow,

in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain,

I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the LORD,

and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says,

who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,

and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,

and my God has become my strength--

he says,

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob

and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, **who has chosen you.**”

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Psalter Psalm 40: 1,3,7-10



Be-hold, I come to do your will, O God.

I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
He stooped to me and heard my cry.
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the Lord.

[ANTIPHON]

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);
Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, “Behold, I come.

[ANTIPHON]

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
‘I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.’ ”
I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O Lord, you know.

[ANTIPHON]

The Epistle 1 Corinthians: 1: 1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind~ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you~ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

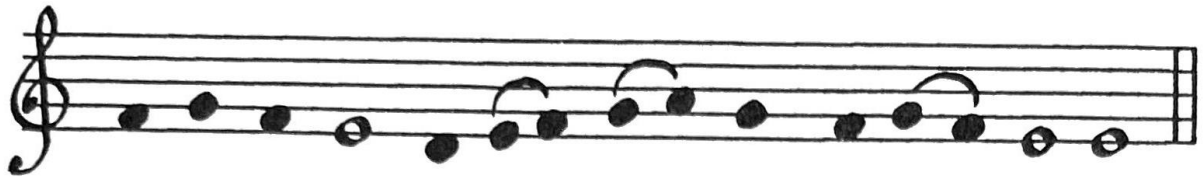
Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn 116: *"I come," the great Redeemer cries*

This Endris Night

The Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu-ia.

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

People: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

Cantor: Behold the Lamb of God; * behold him who takes away the sin of the world.

People: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit

descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Sermon

The Rev. Timothy Mulder, *Interim Rector*

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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. *People: Lord, have mercy.*

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Carley our own Bishop, for Julio, Bishop of Panama and Archbishop of Central America and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. *People: Lord, have mercy.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. *People: Lord, have mercy.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. *People: Lord, have mercy.*

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord. *People: Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. *People: Lord, have mercy.*

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. *People: Lord, have mercy.*

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord. For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord. *People: Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. *People: Lord, have mercy.*

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. *People: Lord, have mercy.*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord. *People: Lord, have mercy.*

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord. *People: Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. *People: Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died, especially Harold, in the communion of your Church and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. *People: Lord, have mercy.*

I ask your prayers for our parish in this time of discernment. O Giver of every good gift: Look graciously upon your church in this place, and so guide us to grow in commitment and service to you, to one another and to this world, that we may call a faithful priest to join us in the ministry of this parish. *People: Lord, have mercy.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. *People: To you, O Lord our God.*

Celebrant: For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence. Then the Priest and People pray together:

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.

The Absolution

Priest: 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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Anthem: *Grow, Lovely Rose*

Gordan Young

Grow, lovely Rose, grow there for me;
Thou art my true, my saving Tree,
Sprung in the winter, 'mid winter's snow,
Blooming forever here below.

Grow, lovely Rose, in Thee I see
All men's salvation, flowing free;
Hope of the helpless, Friend of the weak,
Thee, O my Savior, help me to seek.

Now we poor men, from sin set free,
Praise Thee forever, O may we be
Ever more loving, gentle and kind,
Ever more loving, gentle and kind.
Ever more loving, gentle, gentle
Gentle and kind.

- Gordon Young

Presentation Hymn 380 vs. 3: *Doxology*

Old Hundredth

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving' is written in a simple, accessible style. It consists of four staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics 'It is right to give him thanks and praise.' The music is in a single key and a simple time signature, making it easy to sing.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus(S125) Proulx

The musical score for 'Sanctus and Benedictus' by Proulx is written in a simple, accessible style. It consists of two staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,'. The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with the lyrics 'heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The music is in a single key and a simple time signature, making it easy to sing.

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Celebrant
There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People
We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

Music: Ambrosian anaphora chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1971 Mason Martens.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

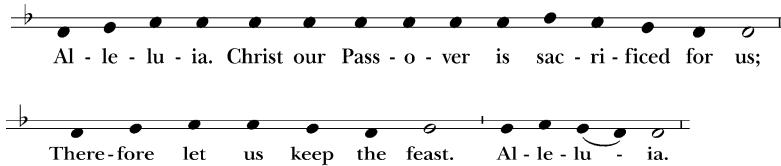
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread



Communion: *My Delight is in the Lord*

Robert J. Powell

Communion Hymn 333: *Now the silence, Now the peace*

Now

Post Communion Prayer

The Celebrant and People together

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn 443: *From God Christ's deity came forth*

Salem Harbor

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in the peace and power of the Christ Child. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Organ Voluntary: Processional from *Judas Maccabeus*

G. F. Handel

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CHRIST CHURCH NOTES:

Acolytes:

Lector: Walter Thies

L.E.M.: Curt Wilson

Ushers: Nick Pachnos & Diana Riker

We ask your prayers...

For those who are ill: Alex, Amy, Susy, Dan and Amanda

For those serving in the armed forces: Parker and Nicholas. For those with child: Alyssa and Sam.

We rejoice with... Kelly Salerno, Merritt Ierley, John Gisler, Michael Josephs, Laura Booker, Dana Lally, Garrett McLoughlin, Susan Latham and all who are celebrating their birthdays this week. Also with Paul & Kate Reilly on their Anniversary.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Kurt Lutz in loving memory of his father Harold.

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