



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
St. Paul & St. James



"Sermon on the Mount" by Laura James

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 29, 2023

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN L184 *Blessed Assurance*



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, — Vi - sions of
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, — I in my



1. fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
2. rap - ture now burst on my sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -



1. God, — Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood. —
2. bove — Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. —
3. bove, — Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. —



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, — Prais - ing my



sav - ior all the day long; — This is my sto - ry, this is my



song, — Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long. —

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: You come to your people and set them free.

COLLECT FOR PURITY *(Said together)*

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE H50 *This is the day*

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made,
we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be glad in it;
This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will re-joice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

FIRST LESSON Micah 6:1-8

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?

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Psalm 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?*

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.

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand and sing before and after the Gospel is read

HYMN *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le, Hal - le, Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le -

lu - jah, Ha - le - lu - jah.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON Bev Lett

JAZZ RESPONSE

A musical response to the sermon

THE NICENE CREED

Please rise, in body or in spirit.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of our salvation, we pray for the Universal Church, its members, and its mission. We lift up the Episcopal Church in Connecticut: Christ & the Epiphany, East Haven; St John's, East Windsor; Christ's Church, Easton; Holy Trinity, Enfield. In the worldwide Anglican Communion, we pray for the Church of Pakistan (United).

A blessing on you who are poor in spirit,
for yours is the kingdom of heaven.

God of justice, we pray for the welfare of the world, of our nation, and all in authority. Give us peace, especially where war and terror rage or threaten.

A blessing on all who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for you will be filled.

Creator of all, forgive us for squandering resources and polluting the habitat we share. Enable us to discern your guiding voice in the face of our selfish behavior.

A blessing on you when others revile and persecute because you follow Jesus,
for your reward will be great in heaven.

God who hears, we ask your blessing on all dear to us who are sick or afflicted in any way, especially Anna, Antoinette, Cathy & Mark, Dick & Ginny, Herman, Jess, Julie, Krista, Susan & Edd, Theresa, and those on our prayer list. Please lift up in prayer, silently or aloud, those on your heart...

A blessing on you who mourn,
for you will be comforted.

Celebrant: God, lead us, that we may stand firm in faith for justice. Teach us love, teach us compassion. Above all, out of love and compassion, teach us to act. **AMEN.**

(celebrant's prayer from Iona Abbey worship book)

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Silence may be kept, then minister and people say 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.

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: 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.**

Please rise, in body or in spirit.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: La paz del Senor sea siempre con ustedes. *People:* **Y con tu espiritu.**

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you. *People:* **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, especially Natasha as she begins another year. Grant that she may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen her trust in your goodness all the days of her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OFFERTORY

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *(Ephesians 5:2)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

PRESENTATION HYMN *Ubi Caritas*

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

Where charity and love prevail, God is there.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your 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:

Celebrant and People:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Land of Rest*)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 Paul and James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. AMEN.

PADRE nuestro
que estás en los cielos
Santificado sea tu Nombre
Venga tu reino
Hágase tu voluntad
En la tierra como en el cielo
Danos hoy el pan de este día y
perdona nuestras deudas
como nosotros perdonamos
nuestros deudores
y no nos dejes caer en al tentación
sino que líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la
Gloria, ahora y por siempre. AMEN.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.*

THE FRACTION S163 Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world.
Grant us peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN H508 *Breathe on me, Breath of God*

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the final four lines of the hymn. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff of each system.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt. Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969).

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Celebrant and People:

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.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN H556 *Rejoice, ye pure in heart*



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your
2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour
3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while



1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.

Refrain



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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GRACE NOTES

— YOU ARE WELCOME HERE —

Sunday Worship

10:30 am

*in person and livestreamed on Facebook
visit our website to find the livestream*

Wednesday Noonday Prayer

12:30 pm

*in person in the Chapel,
enter by the ramp off Chapel St.*

Tues/Thurs Evening Compline

8:00 pm

*on Zoom
visit our website for the Zoom link*

SERVING TODAY

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 29, 2023

Celebrant:

The Rev. Stacey Kohl, Priest-
in-Charge

Preacher:

Bev Lett

Worship Leaders:

Bill Evans
Kate Galambos
Maurice Harris
David Rivera

Musicians:

Will Cleary
Alec Pedersen
Dylan Rowland

Technical Assistance:

Nate Solberg

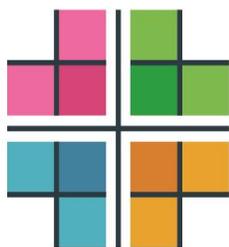
Bread Baker:

Veronica Holcomb

ST. PJS COVID-19 POLICY

As winter approaches, and with it the increasing number of cases and hospitalizations, we, as God's community, seek to lift up the most vulnerable among us by continuing to wear masks at all times within the church. Mask wearing will continue to be optional for readers, preachers, and celebrants while they are speaking.

Please be aware that by attending church, you are participating in our live stream, which means you may appear in a video that is saved on our Facebook page.



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REGULAR EVENTS

SHARE A PRAYER

O blessed Jesus,
who by the shining of a star
did manifest yourself to them
who sought you:

Show your heavenly light to us,
and give us grace to follow until
we find you;

finding, to rejoice in you;
and rejoicing, to present to you
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
for your service for evermore;
for your honor and glory. Amen.

*(English churchman and academic
Edward Hawkins)*

GIFT CARDS

Do you shop at ShopRite and/or
Stop & Shop? If you do, consider
purchasing a gift card from the
church! A percentage will go to the
church, and you can buy your
groceries as usual.



For further information or to
purchase a card(s), please see Sally
Fleming after church on Sundays.

TO DONATE TO ST. PJs

If you wish to donate to St. PJs,
via Venmo, Paypal or Credit Card,
please scan the QR code below:



NOTICES

WELCOME TO ST. PJs!

If you're visiting St. PJs for the first time, or for the first time in a while, we extend a special welcome to you. Whether you are joining us in the building or via Facebook, we're so fortunate to be together. Know that whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on life's journey, and whatever questions dwell in your heart, you are welcome here. Whatever your race, class, sexuality, beliefs, or talents, we hope that you join us in the radical hospitality of God's table.

If you are worshipping with children today, welcome! And please don't worry – crying, laughter, and wandering little feet don't bother us! If you need help finding the bathrooms or a changing table please ask an Usher.

Finally, we invite you to consider signing one of our guest books, located at the front and back of the church. This will allow us to keep you up-to-date on all the "goings on" around St. PJs.

ANNUAL MEETING ~ TODAY

This Sunday, January 29th at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom

Join us for our Annual Parish Meeting this Sunday, January 29th at 1 p.m. on Zoom. Hear updates on our Capital Campaign projects, as well as reports from our Wardens, Minister of Pastoral Care, Music Director, Treasurer, and Priest-in-Charge. You'll also get a chance to elect new Vestry members and approve church officers.

Note: After much consideration, it was the wisdom of the Vestry that, in light of the rising numbers of COVID in our community, we hold this year's Annual Meeting once again on Zoom: *meeting link is:* <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82819128201>. We know there are members of our congregation who don't have access to Zoom and understand the challenge this creates. We encourage those of you with access to Zoom, to consider welcoming those who don't to join you in person and participate in the Zoom Annual Meeting with you—following all appropriate COVID precautions, of course!

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH 175TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Sunday, January 29, 4:00 p.m.

Join our friends at St. Thomas's, New Haven as they celebrate their 175th anniversary with a concert featuring the St. Thomas's Choir and St. Thomas's Schola Antiqua, directed by Noah Horn with Soprano Sherezade Panthaki. They'll also be joined by special guests the Connecticut Gay Men's Chorus.

In person (masks required) at St. Thomas's Episcopal Church, 830 Whitney Avenue or on Zoom (meeting id: 2506069964).

PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS

We pray for the souls of the faithful departed and their families and friends.

Blessed are they who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit for they rest from their labors.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

We give thanks for the birthdays and anniversaries of members, friends, and supporters of the St. PJ's community.

Natasha LaButhie (2/2)

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing...
-Romans 15:13*

ST. PJ'S PRAYER LIST

The list reflects prayer requests for those who are homebound, or who have long-term concerns. During the Prayers of the People we read aloud the names of those who are experiencing acute illness or distress.

Charles Amore	Martin O'Brien	Michael
Charles Harris	Kori Menefee	Jess Loden Kirby
Jennifer Nelson & Marilyn Nelson	Andrew, Anastasia & Katherine Oghy	Ginny & Dick Chapman
Gary & Susan Sapp	Theresa Kovacs	Annette Coscia
Gwen Chapin	Susan & Edd Eldridge	Nanci Perez
Hanne Howard	baby Jasper	Tim Smith
Henry Noyes	Misha	Cathy & Mark
Nanci Perez	Herman Mukwaya	John Rutledge
Leota Tucker	Isaiah Colville	Jean & Dick Sayre
Martha	Lola Layman	Tim Barnes
Tiras Jaske	Harriet Baskerville	Kathie Silvey
Pam Sayre	Elizabeth Price	Krista Fanelli
Alene Tate	Susan Yates	Antoinette
Edwina Johnson	Karl Mini	Anna
Marcia Smith	Brian Fillmore	

OUR STAFF

The Rev. Stacey Kohl, Priest-in-Charge
William Cleary, Director of Music
Tudy Hill, Minister of Pastoral Care
Susan Yates, Liturgist
Crystal Gooding, Parish Administrator
Samuel Rodriguez, Sexton
The Rev. Steve Crowson, Priest Associate

OUR VESTRY

Wardens: Brian Fillmore, Claire Cody
Treasurer: David Hill
Clerk: Maggie King

David Tate	Lynne Severance	Bill Evans
Nate Solberg	Maggie King	Marilyn Bergen
Agatha Zichichi-Evans	Max Clayton	Vanessa Gonzalez-Rivera