

The Holy Eucharist

January 29, 2023

Third Sunday after the Epiphany / Year A, Rite II

St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church

Presider: The Rev. Hillary Kimsey

Livestream Producer: Guy Fulton

Deacon: The Rev. Bill Thaete

Musicians: Joann Richardson

Welcome to St. Antony's. Our Eucharistic celebration is offered both in person and is livestreamed on Facebook. You will find our livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/saintantony/>. For those worshipping in person, we encourage the use of facemasks and respect for others in our efforts to have people remain as healthy as possible.

Our service includes both a prelude and a postlude offering. We ask that you use this time in quietness to prepare for our celebration of God's unconditional love for each of us and as an opportunity to give thanks as well as show our respect for our musicians.

We have been entrusted to be care takers of this beautiful piece of God's creation. We acknowledge that the Suquamish and S'Kllalam people are the traditional stewards of the land on which our buildings stand and we pay our respect to their people and heritage.

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Hymn **"Blessed Jesus, at thy word"** Hymnal 440

1. Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee;
by thy teachings pure and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.
2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till thy Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded;
thou along to God canst win us; thou must work all good within us.
3. Gracious Lord, thyself impart! Light of Light, from God proceeding,
open thou our ears and heart, help us by thy Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry thy Church upraises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

Salutation

The Presider says to the people

Presider Blessed are you, holy and loving One.

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

Collect for Purity

Presider

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.**

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 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

Transition Prayer for St. Antony's and the Diocese

Said by all

God of Love,

You are with us in every transition and change.

***As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety,
we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.***

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.

We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work.

Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen

The First Reading - 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?

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

Thanks be to God.

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 re/jected, *
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 over/thrown.

The Second Reading - 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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn "Blest are the pure in heart" Hymnal 656

- 1 . Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.
2. The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King;
3. he to the lowly soul will still himself impart
and for his dwelling and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
4. Lord, we thy presence seek; may our this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily – The Rev. Hillary Kimsey

The Nicene Creed (said together, standing as you are able.)

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 and the son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

Leader I ask your prayers for those in the Armed Forces of our Country.

O Almighty God, shelter the men and women of our armed forces under your mighty wings; steel their courage in times of peril; give them integrity and honor in all they do; grant perseverance and resilience to their families; and heal the wounded warriors. We remember those who are deployed, especially *Ben Newcomb, Travis Sanger, Nicole Steller and Devon Williamson* through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Ukraine and Russia

Dear God, we ask that you be with the people of war-ravaged Ukraine. Give them physical and spiritual strength to withstand the horrors of war; console them in their misery, distress and losses; sustain them in their hope for peace. We ask that you also be with their brothers and sisters in neighboring Russia. Please open their eyes and hearts to the reality of the war and give to all people in both countries the desire to know the Truth that will set them free, and the courage and strength to pursue that Truth. We thank you for all the citizens of the world who value and pursue peace, and we ask that those who made the ultimate sacrifice in this war will not have died in vain. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Prayers of the People from "Intercessions for the Christian People"

Deacon or other leader

For the church and for all your creation, we pray to you, Lord God, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Blessed are the poor in spirit; theirs is the dominion of heaven. And so we pray: Unite the church, guide all its leaders; let us show the world the love of Jesus.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Blessed are the pure in heart; they shall see God. And so we pray: Give your people the will and the courage to value your service above all lesser goods.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Blessed are the peacemakers, God's own children. And so we pray: Bring peace to the world, security to the nations, and safety to the cities.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. And so we pray: Remove from us prejudice and injustice, and raise up among us those who will labor for the good of all whom you have made.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. And so we pray: Be present with those who are sick, imprisoned, or in distress; make us quick to love and serve our neighbors.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Rejoice and be glad, their reward is great in heaven. And so we pray: We remember all who have witnessed to your love with their lives; give us strength to testify to Christ before the rulers of our own day.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

The Presider concludes

Almighty God, you have taught us to do justice, love kindness, and practice humility before you; make our faith active in love, that your name may be praised and your people served throughout the earth, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Presider

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

Absolution

The Presider stands and says

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

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The clergy and people greet one another in the name of the Lord, maintaining a respectful distance.

Announcements

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday Prayer - Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Presider may begin the Offertory with a sentence of scripture. The offering plates are placed on the altar as a sign of our self-offering to God and our promise to give faithfully to the church.

Music Offering **Joann Richardson**

The Doxology is sung

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures, here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;

And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus (*sung*)

Hymnal S-130

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as

a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Antony, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say,

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.

Fraction Rite (*sung*)

Hymnal S-154

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

We invite all present to participate in this feast, regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey. Our table is open to all, as this is God's gift to all.

We are serving the cup individually. After receiving the bread, the body of Christ, if you like, please take a cup from the tray and then the Eucharistic Minister will serve you the wine, the blood of Christ. Please leave your cup at the baptismal font so we can properly dispose of them.

*If needed, we do have gluten free communion wafers available. Just ask as you approach the priest.
If you do not wish to receive the Eucharist but would like a blessing, please approach the priest with your hands crossed over your chest.*

We ask that you remember to use the hand sanitizer as you come to receive the Holy Eucharist.

Those who are participating by livestream may say the following prayer.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

From A Prayer Book for the Armed Forces

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our heart. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Music

Joann Richardson

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

“Rejoice, ye pure in heart!”

Hymnal 556

1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.
- 2.. With all the angel choirs, with all the saints of earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss true rapture, noblest mirth. *Refrain*
4. Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud;
while answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud. *Refrain*
5. Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array,
as warriors through the darkness toil, till dawns the golden day. *Refrain*

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Happy Birthday!

Feb. 3rd John Stockwell

Happy Anniversary!

There are no anniversaries this week.

The Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Lamp are given today by Chris Crowson in celebration of his daughter, Catherine's birthday.

Flowers arranged by Loretta McGinley

The Sanctuary Lamp is given today by the Altar Guild.

Coffee Hour is being hosted by Sarah Rogers.

Project Linus will meet today in the Gathering Room after the coffee hour, about noon. Project Linus makes new blankets and quilts for all ages of children who are going through illness or traumatic situations. We welcome help from anyone interested in plying needle, thread, scissors, crochet hooks or knitting needles. Please stop in and see what we are about.

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