



## The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 31, 2021 9 am

Annual Parish Meeting

### Ministers of the Liturgy

The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee

Ginny Starkis & Susan Edmondson, Wardens

#### Musicians:

Randolph Bloom, Mary Johnson, Jeff Lukas

#### Prelude

*In Thee Alone, O Christ*

Johann Pacelbel

#### Mother Judith Opening Sentence

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. – [Proverbs 3:5-6]*

#### Mother Judith The Invitatory and Psalter

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." [John 8:12]

#### Mary Johnson Invitatory Psalm 100 *Jubilate*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; \* he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age

#### Ginny Starkis Collect of the Day

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.**

#### Mother Judith A Reading from the Gospel of Mark [1:21-28]

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having

authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Musical Meditation** *The Church's one foundation*

Hymnal # 525

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
we are a new creation by water and the Word.  
From heav'n he came and taught us what perfect love can be;  
through life and death he sought us, and rose to set us free.*

*The church in ev'ry nation is one through all the earth;  
our charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth;  
one name together blessing, one holy food we share,  
to one hope ever pressing, at one in work and prayer.*

**Susan Edmondson** **Collect for the Annual Meeting**

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### **AGENDA**

- I. Appointment of a Clerk of the Meeting
- II. A Message from Bishop Fisher
- III. Approval of the Minutes of the 2020 Meeting
- IV. Nominations for Election
  - a. Senior Warden - Beth Moeller
  - b. Junior Warden - Lisa Ruggiero
  - c. 3-Year Vestry Terms: Joan Campbell, Sarah Prevelige, Cindi Scrimgeour

- d. 2-year Vestry Term: Sharon Manoogian
- e. 1-year term: Youth Member of Vestry: Tessa Scrimgeour
- f. Clerk: Ann Marie Lockwood
- g. Treasurer: Cheryl Eiding-Taylor
- h. Assistant Treasurer: Karen Carig-O'Neill
- i. Steward of the Offering: Charlie Johnson
- j. Delegates to Diocesan Convention: Beth Stochaj, Wayne Stochaj, Mary Johnson;  
Alternates: TBA
- k. Youth Delegate to Diocesan Convention: Madelyn Stochaj
- l. Alternate Youth Delegate to Diocesan Convention: TBA
- m. Nominations from the floor
- V. Voting by poll
- VI. Report of the Wardens
  - a. Highlights of 2020: Overview of Annual Reports
    - i. Highlights: New and changed ministries
    - ii. What have we done well? What could we have done better?
- VII. Report of the Profile Committee: Preview of the Profile
- VIII. Report of the Treasurer:
  - a. 2020 Year-end Balance Sheet
  - b. Review: 2021 Budget
- IX. Appreciation: Leadership during 2020

## Musical Meditation

*Jeff Lukas*

### **Mother Judith Commissioning of New Vestry and Officers**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to the responsibility for leadership and oversight to which they are called.

#### **To the congregation** *Please respond by signaling your affirmation*

Are these persons you have elected prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of his Church?

*Congregation **We believe they are.***

#### **To those being commissioned** *Please respond by signaling your affirmation*

You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

*Those being Commissioned **I will.***

Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

*Those being Commissioned I will.*

### **The Commissioning**

These persons are to be admitted to the ministry of Wardens, Clerk, Treasurers, Members of the Vestry, Delegates to Diocesan Convention and Stewards of the Offering in this congregation.

*The Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity.*

*I am your servant; grant me understanding:* Response    **That I may know your decrees.**

Let us pray.

**O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Wardens, Vestry, Clerk, Treasurers, Delegates and Stewards of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you as Wardens, Clerk, Treasurers, Members of the Vestry, Delegates to Diocesan Convention and Stewards of the Offering in this Parish.

### **Closing Prayers**

**Susan Edmondson**      **A Prayer in Time of Transition**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and for our ministries. Open our hearts to possibilities we have not yet imagined, through Jesus Christ, our Light, our Center, our Hope. **Amen**

**Ginny Starkis**      **A Prayer of Thanksgiving and Offering**

Almighty God, you give seed for us to sow, and bread for us to eat: make us thankful for what we have received and make us rich to do those generous things which supply your people's needs; so all the world may give you thanks and glory. **Amen.**

### **Mother Judith Blessing & Dismissal**

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

The service now is ended; let our service begin.