



Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 17th, 2021

9:00 a.m.: Virtual Worship

GATHERING

Preparing for Virtual Worship

Set up a space in your home for worship and prayer. Light a candle, set out a cross or icon to help you focus; set your phone on Do Not Disturb, wash your hands. Take a few deep breaths and say a short prayer to prepare your heart to “enter” a different kind of space. We recommend the Collect for Purity:

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.

Prelude: *Adagio and Two Spirituals*

Adolphus Hailstork

Composer Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941) studied in America and France before earning his doctorate in music in 1971 and later becoming a professor at Old Dominion University in Virginia. His compositions have been performed by symphony orchestras around the world, and his organ works have achieved a significant place in the repertoire. A contemplative Adagio will be followed by a setting of “We Shall Overcome” in two parts. The first treats the tune in the style of a Bach chorale prelude. The second is a free improvisation on the tune in a more modern style. An arrangement of “Deep River” presents the tune along with lush harmonies using the string stops of the organ.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Priest 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.**

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

The Gospel

John 1:43-51

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Priest The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Casey Bushman, Licensed Lay Preacher

Music for Reflection: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Hymn 655

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end: be thou for ever near me, my Master and my friend; I shall not fear the battle, if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway, if thou wilt be my guide. O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will; O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

Garrett Gerard, soloist

Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874), alt.

Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Form II, BCP 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s); for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those in our community _____.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially whom we remember today. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The celebrant concludes with prayers and a collect

The Lord's Prayer

Priest and People

**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.**

The Offertory: *Come Follow Me*

Jay Althouse

The kingdom of heaven is near. As you have received, so, then must you give. Be not afraid with the Lord at your side, for Jesus died so we may live. He said, "Come follow me. Come by yourselves to a quiet place. Come follow me." That someday we may see his face. Those who are weary, take rest. Look to him for comfort and he will soothe your soul. For he is gentle and humble in heart, and Jesus died to make us whole.

Jay Althouse (b. 1951) is an influential music educator and a prolific composer. In addition to over 700 choral and vocal compositions in print, he has published textbooks and resources used in classrooms across the country. He and his wife were commissioned to write one of the choral works performed at the presidential inauguration in 2009.

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Announcements

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Postlude: *Toccata on the Spiritual "Great Day"*

Adolphus Hailstork

Hailstork embeds this traditional spiritual into the framework of an ostinato—a repeated rhythmic/melodic figure that continues throughout the piece. Fragments of the spiritual are introduced in the pedal before being further developed in the soprano register. An improvisatory cadenza leaps out of the ostinato texture at the conclusion of the toccata, depicting the words of the refrain, "Great Day! the righteous marching! God's gonna build up Zion's walls." The work ends with a series of dissonant chords that resolve into a triumphant statement of the first phrase of the tune.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday school class, January 17th, 9:45 a.m., Epiphany: *Jesus revealed*. Epiphany is a manifestation of the divine or a sudden insight. Join us for a discussion about how the people around Jesus experienced him as God being among us - and how we still have epiphanies today. Join the class with Mother Mary & Seminarian Barbara White, via zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89874430211>.

Youth Opportunity: Monday, Jan. 18th, MLK Day Episcopal Diocese of Texas Event. All 6th through 12th graders are invited to participate in a racial reconciliation event, organized by the Diocese, on Monday, January 18th. Activities will include a Zoom panel discussion with EDOT leaders on what it means to live out our baptismal covenant in a divided nation. Contact Casey (casey@stmarksaustin.org) to register.

Save the Date: Annual Parish Meeting, January 24th, 9:45 a.m. Outgoing vestry members will be honored, St. Mark's will welcome four new vestry members, and the 2021 approved budget will be presented.

Kid's Club returns the week of January 24! Stay tuned to our website [here](#) for the details.

Day School registration & enrollment for 2021-2022: Opens January 27th - 31st for active church families.

- Contact schooloffice@stmarksdayschoolaustin.org for online registration information.
- A NON-REFUNDABLE \$200 application fee will be due with your completed application.
- Per our policies, active members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church are given priority for available open spaces during the dedicated registration period.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Sunday Virtual Worship, 9:00 a.m.:** *Please join us online* - links available on our website.
- **Tuesday Noon Bible Study:** the link will be shared on our website. Focus of Study is 1 Samuel. All are welcome!
- **Morning Prayer meets 8:30 a.m. M-F.** Check our home page for the link: www.stmarksaustin.org.

PARISH INTERCESSION LIST

You are invited to use this Intercession List to pray for those listed below.

For healthcare workers and teachers: Heather, Michael B., Christine, Eric, Joan, Beth, Mac, Jodi, Courtney, Russ, Nicole, Jewellyn, Jana Kay, Steven, Pam, Marcille, Jesse, Laurie, Charles, Cilla, Jonea, Jennifer R., Jennifer S., Samuel, Mary, Jordan, Jeffrey, Kim, Michael T., Amber, Aaron, Sarah, Laurie, Carolyn, Jennifer, Chez, James., Cindy.

For those celebrating birthdays: Kendra Roloson, Belinda Romero, Kay Slepr, Xander Stockstill, Dave Thiessen, Rachel Maxwell, Evelyn Allen, Vanessa Gonzalez, Julia Grayson, Franz Kempff, Damon Maxwell, Laura Dannenmaier, Carolyn Foote, Carson Johnson, Jack Steinberg, Bill Kibler, Helena Cacali, Glenn Dody, Edward Osterberg III, Elizabeth Rogers, Riley Russell.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Lindy & Lee Siegismund, Kelly & Jonathan Vande Streek.

For those whom the Daughters of the King pray.

Lectors: Nancy & Bill Kibler



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