

Prelude: Canzona in C Major (BuxWV 166)

Dietrich Buxtehude

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn #600 (Blue 1982 Hymnal) “O day of God, draw nigh”

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever!**

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: 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.**

Glory to God #899 (Green WLP Hymnal) The refrain:

**Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name,
Glory, Glory, hallelujah, Lord we praise your Holy name.**

Celebrant God is with you
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray together the collect of the day:
**We praise you, God, that the light of Christ shines in our darkness and is never overcome;
show us the way we must go to eternal day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (NZPB)**

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Hear what the Lord says:
Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.
“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to
lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the
fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of
injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke? Is it not to share
your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you
shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 112, 1-9, (10) sung to the tune of Hymn #620 (Blue hymnal)

1. Hallelujah! How blest are they
Whose joy is God's command;
Their children will be always blessed
And mighty in the land.
2. Riches and wealth will bless their homes,
Their justice will endure,
And they are merciful; light shines
In darkness for the pure.
3. In justice do they rule their lives,
And freely do they lend;

- Unshaken they, their memory
Is treasured without end.
4. Hearts firm, they fear no evil news;
In God they put their trust;
Their hearts secure, they will not shrink
Until their foes are crushed.
5. The righteous spread their gifts abroad,
Give freely to the poor;
With honor will their heads be raised;
Their justice will endure.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-2

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"--these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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Alleluia: *Cantor, then All*

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

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew: **Glory to you, Lord Christ!** Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Sermon or Reflection Time

The Rev. Lise Hildebrandt

Anthem: Eye Has Not Seen

Marty Haugen

Offertory Hymn #490 (Blue 1982 Hymnal) "I want to walk as a child of the light"

Communion Hymn #304 (Blue 1982 Hymnal), "I come with joy to meet my Lord"

Final Hymn

Bring Forth the Kingdom /Venga el Reino



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple: Salt for the
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple: Light for the
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple: Bring forth the
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple: Bound for the

1. ¡Son us - te - des la sal de la tie - rra: Sal pa - ra el
2. ¡Son us - te - des la luz del mun - do: Luz pa - ra el
3. ¡Son se - mi - llas de mi Pa - la - bra: Ven - ga el
4. ¡Son us - te - des los pe - re - gri - nos Ca - mi - nan - do al



King - dom of God! Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple:
Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple:
King - dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice,
King - dom of God! Love our jour - ney and love our home - land:

Rei - no de Dios! ¡Den sa - bor a la vi - da en - te - ra:
Rei - no de Dios! ¡No o - cul - ten la luz, mi pue - blo:
Rei - no de Dios! ¡Siem - bren mi a - mor, mi jus - ti - cia:
Rei - no de Dios! ¡A - men el via - jar al des - ti - no:



Life in the King - dom of God!
Shine for the King - dom of God! Bring forth the King - dom of
Grow in the King - dom of God!
Love is the King - dom of God!

Vi - da en el Rei - no de Dios!
Bri - llen pa - ra el Rei - no de Dios! ¡Ven - ga el Rei - no del
Crez - can en el Rei - no de Dios!
Es a - mor, el Rei - no de Dios!



mer - cy, Bring forth the King - dom of peace; Bring forth the
Cie - lo, Ven - gan su paz y a - mor; Rei - ne pro -



King - dom of jus - tice, Bring forth the Cit - y of God!
fun - da jus - ti - cia En la Ciu - dad del Se - ñor!

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Postlude: Prelude & Fugue in Bb Major (BWV 560)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Saint John's Church NEWS AND NOTES: Feb 5, 2023

Zoom Coffee Hour, aka "Reliable Joy" Sunday at 12:30 pm. Meeting ID: 873 3272 1412 Passcode: 01930 Dial by location: 1 646 558 8656.

The Souper Bowl of Caring . . . We're halfway there! St. John's will continue to collect funds to donate to the Open Door through Sunday, February 12; we're halfway to matching the anonymous gift of \$500. Thanks!

Visioning Team Meeting TODAY at 11 am in the Thompson Room.

Hymns for Lent Choosing Event NEXT SUNDAY after worship. Thompson Room. All are welcome. Note change!

Next regular vestry meeting DATE CHANGE: Our vestry meeting will NOT be on Valentine's Day, but on Wednesday, February 15th at 7 pm in the **Thompson Room**. Please note date and location change!

"A Reckoning for Boston" Film on Wednesday, Feb. 15th. Free film on racism and justice in Boston, co-produced by a member of St. Stephen's, Boston. 7 pm, Ipswich High School, 134 High Street. Discussion following.

Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday (yes, really!), Feb. 22nd. Services at noon and at 7 pm (with choir).

FREE Covid Tests and Masks: The Gloucester Department of Public Health dropped off 90 free Covid test kits and K95 masks. These are in the office, in the parish hall and in the Thrift Shop. Please take some!

The Open Door Update: The need for food is increasing on Cape Ann! Please bring several items in on Sundays to donate. Items in high demand include: healthy cereal, tuna, bread mixes, hearty soups, canned beef stew, flavored rice packets, coffee and tea, diapers and baby wipes. Thank you for your generosity.

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany—February 5, 2023

Participating in the Liturgy

Celebrant & Preacher

Lector

LEM

Acolyte

Ushers

Musicians

Altar Guild

Flower Guild

The People of God gathered in St. John's Church

The Rev. Lise Hildebrandt, Interim Priest

Pat Earle

Claudette Chmura

Geoff Pope

Tom Chmura & Connie DeSimone

The Congregation, the Choir, Joe Stoddard, Music Director

Karen Kasper and Melanie Murray-Brown

DeeDee Bedford

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are in loving memory of Jennifer Harrison McNamara on her birthday given by Nancy Harrison and family.

Sign up for future dates including flower and lamp, Action Sandwiches and coffee hour. Sign-ups are on the kiosk in the parish hall.

St. John's Intercession List: Paul Mauratidis, Nicole Newhouse and Family, Marsha White, Rick Kopka, Claire Stahler, Jennifer Morris, Carole Secrest, Tyler March, Chris Klosterman, Sereda Feener, Alex, Lynn Runnells, Alex Furth, Simeon Teitelbaum, Miriam Teitelbaum, Debra Ketchopulos, Rita Peritore, Jim and Mary Drogan, the Baxter Family, Len Berry, Ellen, Ginga Graves and Patrick DeMuller, Wayne Martin, Hope and Lily Newhouse, Jackson, Bo Goldman, Nate Mook, Ernie Runnells, Jack Ketchopulos, Jacqueline Vannah, DeeDee Bedford, Michael Rocha, Liana and Joe Webb, Becki Pedersen, Anne Sullivan, Linda, Malcolm Henderson, Emelia Currier, Danny, Patricia Anders, Connor Macauley, Margie Sonthemier, John Fleming.



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2025: Steve Jencks, Dori Mottola, Geoff Pope

2026: Dee Dee Bedford, Len Berry, Sarah Larson