



St. Bernard's Episcopal Church St. John on the Mountain

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 25, 2026

10:00 am Morning Prayer Rite II on Zoom

Thank you for sharing in our Zoom worship today.

The liturgy and hymn lyrics are found on slides or in this bulletin.



You are welcome to sing along with the hymns, please stay on mute while singing so that we can hear the soloist. For the said responses you are welcome to be on or off mute, whatever you prefer.

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN 460, stanzas 1-3

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

Hyfrydol

1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

Samantha Ferrara, soloist

2 Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

5 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of holy Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

EPIPHANY OPENING SENTENCE

BCP p. 76

Officiant I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *(Isaiah 49:6b)*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most loving God, we confess that we have not loved in thought, word, and deed.

We have not loved you or our neighbors or ourselves. We are sorry.

Remind us that you love us unconditionally

and help us to rest in your love. Amen.

Officiant May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY

BCP p. 80

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

Assembly **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

JUBILATE *Psalm 100 led by Deacon Karen*

BCP pp. 82-83

Be joyful in the Lord, * **all you lands;**

serve the Lord with gladness * **and come into the divine presence with a song.**

Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God; *

the One who made us and to whom we belong;

we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving; go into these courts with praise; *

give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.

For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting; *

and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

PSALM 27:1, 5-13 *said responsively, by the half verse led by Julia Somers* BCP pp. 617-618

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *

the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord * **and to seek the Lord in his temple.**

7 For in the day of trouble the Lord shall keep me safe in his shelter; *

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now the Lord lifts up my head * **above my enemies round about me.**

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; * **have mercy on me and answer me.**

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." * **Your face, Lord, will I seek.**

12 Hide not your face from me, * **nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * **do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:1-4

read by Peter Mercer

Lector A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE R: A Song of True Motherhood by Julian of Norwich *Enriching Our Worship 1 p. 40*
God chose to be our mother in all things * *led by Pastor Beth*

**and so made the foundation of his work,
most humbly and most pure, in the Virgin's womb.**

God, the perfect wisdom of all, * **arrayed himself in this humble place.**

Christ came in our poor flesh * **to share a mother's care.**

Our mothers bear us for pain and for death; *

our true mother, Jesus, bears us for joy and endless life.

Christ carried us within him in love and travail, * **until the full time of his passion.**

And when all was completed and he had carried us so for joy, *

still all this could not satisfy the power of his wonderful love.

All that we owe is redeemed in truly loving God, *

for the love of Christ works in us; Christ is the one whom we love.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

read by John Smith

Lector A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 362

Holy, holy, holy

Samantha Ferrara, soloist

Nicaea

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

THIRD LESSON: Matthew 4:12-23

read by Mary Courtemanche

Lector A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Beth Rauen Sciaino

THE APOSTLES' CREED *said in unison*

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Deacon The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us pray.

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.

SUFFERAGES A

led by Pastor Beth

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Versicle Show us your mercy, O Lord;

Response **And grant us your salvation.**

Versicle Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Response **Let your people sing with joy.**

Versicle Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

Response **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Versicle Lord, keep this nation under your care;

Response **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Versicle Let your way be known upon earth;
Response **Your saving health among all nations.**
Versicle Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Response **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Versicle Create in us clean hearts, O God;
Response **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

SOLO Be thou my vision arr. Bob Chilcott, *Samantha Ferrara, soloist*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP p. 214

Officiant Let us pray. Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS BCP p. 98

Officiant O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR MISSION BCP p. 101

Deacon Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

PRAYERS BCP p. 391

led by Chris Thomas

Intercessor We pray for all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors, and all on our parish Prayer Lists; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Stephen Ramos, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Assembly **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

Assembly **To you, O Lord our God.**

Deacon For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS BCP p. 833

Officiant Let us pray.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

HYMN 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise, *Samantha Ferrara, soloist*
manifested by the star to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding-guest, in thy God-head manifest;
manifest in power divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole injured limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 4 Manifest on mountain height, shining in resplendent light,
where disciples filled with awe thy transfigured glory saw.
When from there thou leddest them steadfast to Jerusalem,
cross and Easter Day attest God in man made manifest.

THE DISMISSAL AND GRACE

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Deacon Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** (*Ephesians 3:20,21*)

POSTLUDE

Assisting today at our service

<i>Officiant & Preacher</i>	The Rev. Beth Rauen Sciaino
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Karen B. Lewis, Deacon
<i>Soloist</i>	Samantha Ferrara
<i>Recorded hymn accompaniment</i>	David Dockery
<i>Recorded Prelude and Postlude</i>	Tyler Weakland
<i>Lectors</i>	Julia Somers, Peter Mercer, John Smith, Mary Courtemanche, Chris Thomas



ANNOUNCEMENTS - January 25, 2026

WORSHIP & COMMUNITY

ANNUAL MEETING UPDATES

St. Bernard's Annual Meeting is postponed to Sunday, Feb. 1, at 12:15 pm, following the 11 am service. Lunch will be provided.

The Annual Meeting for St. John on the Mountain is scheduled for Sunday, March 1, at 10 am following one 9 am Holy Eucharist. We'll begin with a potluck brunch.

THANK YOU COFFEE HOUR FOR GRANT MECH

St. John's Director of Music, Grant Mech, is leaving after two and a half years. We are grateful for Grant's wonderful music leadership with the choir and in worship. We wish him well in all his many endeavors. Please join us for a 10 am Coffee Hour on Sunday, Feb. 1, at St. John's to say thank you.

STEWARDSHIP 2026

Thank you to all who have pledged for 2026. If you haven't yet, we invite you to prayerfully consider your giving estimate and return the card by mail or the offering plate.

EVENING PRAYER, Wednesday, Feb. 4, 5:30 pm. via Zoom

Join us for Evening Prayer and learn about a saint in this 20-minute service held on Zoom every other week. Evening Prayer will shift back to weekly during Lent starting Feb. 25.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Pastor Beth will offer developmentally appropriate and interactive classes on Baptism for children who have not yet received the Sacrament of Baptism. The classes will be adapted to the group. Please reach out if you are interested, priest@stbernardsnj.org. *Note:* Baptism does not occur during Lent.

BOOK REFLECTION GROUP on *Jesus Sophia* by Sally Douglas, continuing Jan. 28

Join us to read and reflect on *Jesus Sophia: Returning to Woman Wisdom in the Bible Practice and Prayer* by scholar/pastor Sally Douglas of Australia. We had a wonderful first session and you are welcome to come when available. Explore the early Christian use of the Wisdom tradition in Scripture, personified as a female divine, to understand what God is doing in Jesus' ministry. Learn about implications for our own faith lives and practices. We will meet over Zoom most Wed. from 7-8 pm. On Jan. 28 we will discuss Chapter 2. Books are available for purchase from the parish for \$20. It is also on Kindle.

Upcoming Meeting dates: Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 25, March 4, 18, 25, and April 1.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY AND JOINT SERVICE at St. Bernard's Church, Feb. 8, 10 am

Come to our joint service with combined choir at 10 am at St. Bernard's Church followed by Souper Bowl Sunday in the Parish Hall. Youth will have soup available for donation to raise funds for the Food Bank Network of Somerset County. All welcome.

JOINT SERVICE ON FEB. 15 AT ST. MARK'S followed by SHROVE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come on Sun., Feb. 15, to a joint 10 am service at St. Mark's, Basking Ridge, followed by Shrove Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall. Combined choir for those available. No services at St. John's or St. Bernard's.

CROSS ROADS DAY CAMP: July 6-10

Kids entering Kindergarten-6th grade are invited to join us for the week of July 6-10, 9:00 am-3:00 pm at St. Bernard's Episcopal Church for a wonderful Day Camp led by young adult staff from our Episcopal and Lutheran camp. Cost is \$50/child for the week with snack and lunch provided. We had a great experience last year. To pre-register, please email Alison Davidson, St. Bernard's Parish Administrator, admin@StBernardsNJ.org. Day Camp is sponsored by St. John's, St. Bernard's, and St. Mark's, Basking Ridge. Older youth are welcome to volunteer during Day Camp.

ST. BERNARD'S AND ST. JOHN'S WEEKLY CALENDAR

January 25, The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, on Zoom
followed by Zoom coffee hour

January 28, Wednesday

8:00 am The Open Table, Zoom
7:00 pm Book Discussion Group, via Zoom

February 1, The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

7:45 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I, St. John's Chapel
8:30 am St. John's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
8:45 am Childcare, Lower Level
9:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Church
9:00 am Sunday School, St. John's Parish Hall
10:00 am Coffee Hour thanking Grant, St. John's
9:30 am St. Bernard's Choir Rehearsal
11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. Bernard's
12:15 pm St. Bernard's Annual Meeting, Parish Hall. Lunch provided

February 4, Wednesday

8:00 am The Open Table, Zoom
5:30 pm Evening Prayer via Zoom
7:00 pm Book Discussion Group, via Zoom

February 8, The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 am Combined Choir Rehearsal, St. Bernard's
10:00 am **Joint Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. Bernard's**
11:00 am Souper Bowl Sunday, Parish Hall

February 15, The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 am Combined Choir Rehearsal, St. Mark's
10:00 am **Joint Holy Eucharist, Rite II, St. Mark's**
11:00 am Shrove Pancake Breakfast, St. Mark's

February 18, Ash Wednesday

9:00 am Ash Wed. Liturgy & Eucharist, St. Bernard's
11:00 am St. John's Outreach Committee meeting
12:00 pm Ash Wed. & Eucharist, St. John's Chapel
6:30 pm Combined Choir Rehearsal, St. Mark's
7:30 pm Ash. Wed. & Holy Eucharist, St. Mark's

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