



Water to Wine by Morgan Weistling

Season of Epiphany



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St. John's Lutheran Church | Salisbury, NC

Welcome to St. John's

We're so glad God has brought you here!

Today is the 2nd Sunday after Epiphany. As we begin this new week together, we'd like to bring a few announcements to your attention:

- A reminder that **our nursery** is available during both services in the Faith Center.
- **Offering envelopes** are available in the narthex of the sanctuary and Peeler Hall.
- Students currently pursuing higher education are invited to apply for a **College Scholarship**. Some scholarships are designated for students pursuing careers in church music, education, and health care. Visit stjohns-salisbury.org for more info.
- **Let's finish the project!** An anonymous donor is offering a \$50,000 challenge to the congregation to complete the final portion of our G2G plan: the music wing and addition of two handicap accessible restrooms. **All gifts up to \$50,000 will be matched!** Questions? Contact Mark Lewis at marklewis62@gmail.com.
- **Senior Seasons - Winter Academy**, a 4-week series, Tuesdays in February. Sign up today at: <https://stjohns-salisbury.org/upcoming/>
- **St. John's Kindergarten** priority registration is now open.
- *Please be advised:* Today's worship service is being live-streamed for our online community. For those who desire not to be part of the video stream, seating is available in the balcony and along the last 2 pews of the sanctuary's main level.
- **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Larry Parrish and in honor of Delwin, Jodi, Scott, Caroline, and Victoria by Nancy Parrish.
- **THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS** — Gene Myers, Gerald Jones, Bob Glover. Ongoing prayer concerns are for the following: Davey Rhodes, Gary Pinkston, Eleanor Andrews, Lynn Fior, Rachel Safrit, Fran Lawson, Nancy Austin, David Wilson, Robin Cohen

Annual Meeting | January 23, 10:30 in the Faith Center

Vote on the 2022 Budget and the Call Committee's Recommendation

Exciting news! Based on a recommendation of the Call Committee, our Congregation Council is recommending that two candidates be called as pastors of St. John's. Members received information about the candidates in the mid-winter Eagle's View. A congregational vote will be held on Sunday, Jan. 23, at 10:30 in the Faith Center and via zoom. Many thanks to the Call Committee, chaired by Carole Parrott. Other members include Heather Brady, Mimi Carlton, Jay Dees, David Hord, Kim Lentz, Nicole Towns, and Millie Wymbs.



Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God

Prelude

Prayers of Confession

Written by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Thou Eternal God, out of whose absolute power and infinite intelligence the whole universe has come into being, we humbly confess that we have not loved thee with our hearts, souls and minds, and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ loved us. We have all too often lived by our own selfish impulses rather than by the life of sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often give in order to receive. We love our friends and hate our enemies. We go the first mile but dare not travel the second. We forgive but dare not forget.

And so as we look within ourselves, we are confronted with the appalling fact that the history of our lives is the history of an eternal revolt against you.

But thou, O God, have mercy upon us. Forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know your will. Give us the courage to do your will. Give us the devotion to love your will.

In the name and spirit of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Isaiah 62:1-5*)

Sisters and brothers, God is at work in us and with us!

God has promised:

"I will not keep silent and I will not rest
until the vindication of my beloved people
shines out like the dawn and their salvation like a burning torch.

My people shall no more be termed 'forsaken'
and their land shall no more be termed 'desolate.'"

We remember that you have given your Beloved people a new name:

"My delight is in them."

Thank you, God for delighting in us even now, for forgiving us our slow action, our silence and our weariness, for empowering our work and inviting us once again to create with you the Beloved Community you long for.

Entrance Hymn 834

Immortal, Invisible God, Only Wise
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ST. DENIO

Please be seated

Let us pray. Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



Word

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

The prophet writes: ¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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Response

Many Gifts, One Spirit
St. John's Chancel Choir

By Diane Hannibal
Arr. Joel Raney

The Holy Gospel: John 2:1-11

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Pastor Rhodes Woolly

Prayers of Intercession *Each petition ends: Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***



Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Preparation of the Lord's Table: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

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

Please stand

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks
and praise... and join their unending hymn

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer followed by The Lord's Prayer:

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

Distribution of Holy Communion. *You will be invited forward one row at a time. Please take an empty glass, into which the wine will be poured. Grape juice is available in pre-filled cups. All bread in our communion celebration is gluten-free. Welcome to the Lord's Table!*

Communion Hymns 154

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Piano Meditation

Hymn 300

The First Noel (Jeffrey Stevenson, 5th grade, pianist)

I Come With Joy (See Page 10)

Please stand

Blessing and Prayer



Sending

Forgiven and nourished, we are now sent into the world to share God's love.

Benediction

Sending Hymn 848

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

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DUKE STREET

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 3 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

One Bread, One Body

Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



Refrain

wom-an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath-ered to one for all.

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Give to Our God Immortal Praise!

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
 2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
 3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of

truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
 dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
 kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

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Let's connect faith and life. *Together.*

