

# Welcome to St. John's Church



## Trinity Sunday:

*May 30, 2021*

*8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*

## WELCOME BACK TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP

*The health and safety of the most vulnerable in our congregation and community remains the highest concern to St. John's. Remember that many in our communities are not vaccinated; like most of those under 16 years old, those who are immuno-compromised, and those who have chosen not to be vaccinated for other reasons. While many are now vaccinated, remember that even a small percentage of those vaccinated can contract the corona virus, and while their symptoms may be milder, they can also spread the virus to loved ones and friends back home. We have not yet reached herd immunity as a nation. So please remain vigilant in safety protocols, mindful of the most vulnerable in our community, staying masked inside, social distancing outside, and getting vaccinated if possible. And be assured that we will continue to 'live stream' our worship to both our St. John's YouTube Page and our St. John's Facebook page.*

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## *The Liturgy for the Proclamation of the Word of God and Celebration of the Holy Communion*

*St. John's is resuming Holy Communion on Pentecost Sunday with certain strict safety protocols. Attendees must be masked at all times within the church. They may have their temperature checked at the door, need to practice social distancing, and sit only in designated pews. Ushers will keep a list of attendees for contact tracing, if needed. Doors and windows will be open for airflow, and our FDA-approved air filters will be located about the church.*

**Prelude**

*Elevation  
Andante*

René Vierne  
Mendelssohn

*Congregants are welcome to sing quietly with their masks on*

**Opening Hymn # 362** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

- 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.*

## **The Word of God**

*The people standing, the Celebrant may say*

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People*            ***Glory to God for ever and ever.***

*The Celebrant says*

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.***

*Congregants are welcome to sing quietly with their masks on*

## **The Trisagion S # 102**

***Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.***

## **The Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

God be with you.

*People*            ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## **The Lessons**

*INTRODUCTION: Our first reading is Isaiah's vision of the heavenly throne, and the early church heard in the thrice-holy song of the seraphim an anticipation of its praise of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

### **A Reading from the Scroll of the Prophet Isaiah:**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house

filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

*People*           ***Thanks be to God.***

*Silence may follow.*

*Congregants are invited to quietly recite the psalm with their masks on.*

## **Psalm 29**

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.***
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.***
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.***
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.***
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;***
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.***
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of  
the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.***
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.***
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, “Glory!”***
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.***

***11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.***

*INTRODUCTION: In this New Testament reading, the apostle Paul writes that if we follow our lower natures, we are enslaved and destined to death, but when we are moved by God's Spirit, we become children of God and heirs with Christ.*

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

*People*           ***Thanks be to God.***

*Congregants are welcome to sing quietly with their masks on*

**Gradual Hymn # 365**   *Come, Thou Almighty King*

***1*** ***Come, thou almighty King,  
help us thy Name to sing,  
help us to praise.  
Father whose love unknown  
all things created own,  
build in our hearts thy throne,  
Ancient of Days.***

***2*** ***Come, thou incarnate Word,  
by heaven and earth adored;  
our prayer attend:  
come, and thy people bless;  
come, give thy word success;  
stablish thy righteousness,  
Savior and friend.***

*3 Come, holy Comforter,  
thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour:  
thou, who almighty art,  
now rule in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.*

*4 To Thee, great One in Three,  
the highest praises be,  
hence evermore;  
thy sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity  
love and adore.*

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

*INTRODUCTION: In our gospel story, the Pharisee Nicodemus comes at night to learn from Jesus. His confusion here results from the Greek word that means both "born again" and "born from on high."*

### **The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John**

*People            Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you

about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

*People*        ***Praise to thee, O Christ.***

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman

## **The Nicene Creed**

***We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,***

*who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

Let us offer our prayers in the Name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, responding to each petition, "Hear us, blessed Trinity."

+ Creator of the universe, and all that dwells in the seas, and skies, and all creatures who inhabit the earth, help us to guard your holy treasures and to delight in all that you have made; let us pray.

*Hear us, blessed Trinity.*

+ Word of truth, open our hearts to receive your message as it is revealed through holy scripture, the witness of your Church, and in the minds and hearts of your faithful; remembering especially Hosam, the Archbishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem; Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Bartholomew, Patriarch of Constantinople; Francis, Bishop of Rome; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, our Bishops; Fr. Geoff, our priest, and all the members of this parish; let us pray.

*Hear us, blessed Trinity.*

+ Spirit of life, strengthen us to reveal the fruits of the kingdom through the actions of our daily lives; remembering especially the work of the Washington Council of Congregations; let us pray.

*Hear us, blessed Trinity.*

+ Architect of all that is seen and unseen, may we rebuild the world in peace, and give to each other the good gifts which you formed in creation; remembering especially the leaders of the nations of the world, for António, Secretary General of the United Nations, Joe, our President, Ned our Governor, Jim, the First Selectman of the town of Washington, for the members of our Congress and Courts; let us pray.

*Hear us, blessed Trinity.*

+ Incarnate One, help us to offer your grace throughout the world, bringing people of every language, nation, and tribe into the baptismal waters of your saving love; let us pray.



*Hear us, blessed Trinity.*

+ Wisdom from on high, descend upon your faithful people, that our voices and actions may echo your hope for humanity; remembering especially those hurting in the midst of this pandemic, and also Mary Jo Keating, Marlene Smith, Tom Witt, Ed and Zemina White, Kathy Coe, Diana Clark, Lisa Lafleur and all who are housebound especially Janet Chenery, Joan Beattie, and Ken Hecken; let us pray.

*Hear us, blessed Trinity.*

Gathered on this holy Sabbath, a day of rest and praise, joy and worship; we remember all who have died, remembering especially the more than 500 Americans still dying every day in this pandemic, and for their families and friends, may they know your rest and peace, as we pause now so that all may add their own prayers and petitions, either silently in our hearts or aloud in our midst; *(pause for a moment)*.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty God, we also commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

***God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.***

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

The Almighty and most merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, but also time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People*        ***And also with you.***

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **The Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences of Scripture.*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

**Offertory Anthem**        *O Rest In The Lord*

Mendelssohn

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*The Celebrant faces the congregation and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

*People*        ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant*    Lift up your hearts.

*People*        ***We lift them up to the Lord.***

*Celebrant*    Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People*        ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being: and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People* **S# 130**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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.***

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your

Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John, our Patron and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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 Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

**The Gifts of God for the People of God.**

*Communion will be distributed in one kind only, the bread, and will be received in the pews, so it is very important that attendees sit in every other pew as designated, so that the Celebrant can move along in the empty pews to share. If an attendee does not wish to receive Communion, they need only to cross their hands over their chest so to signify. Others may receive as they wish, standing, kneeling, or seated. Please wait until the Celebrant has passed before removing your masks and consuming the bread.*

**Communion Anthems** sung by soloist

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

***Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.***

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing*

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

*Congregants are welcome to sing quietly with their masks on*

**Closing Hymn # 608**     *Eternal Father, Strong To Save*

- 1** *Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.*
- 2** *O Christ, whose voice the waters heard  
and hushed their raging at thy word,  
who walkedst on the foaming deep,  
and calm amid its rage didst sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.*
- 3** *Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood  
upon the chaos dark and rude,  
and bid its angry tumult cease,  
and give, for wild confusion, peace;  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.*
- 4** *O Trinity of love and power,  
thy children shield in danger's hour;  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee  
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.*

*The Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People*     ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.***

**Postlude**

*Maestoso*

Mendelssohn

*for online worshippers, here is the Prayer for Spiritual Communion:*

### **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest desire that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you physically, we ask you to come into our hearts spiritually. We embrace you with all the affections of our souls, confident that nothing can ever separate us from the love God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

**MUSIC NOTES:** Our soloist Jeannette Hicks lives in northern New Milford with her husband, Andy, daughter Maggie (9) and son George (6). Jeannette started singing in a church youth choir while in elementary school. She telecommutes full-time for a national health insurance firm. Andy owns his own local business offering IT support: *Umbrella Infotech*. The family loves hiking and playing lots of music together. *Jon*

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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**Worship Ministers Today:**

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, *Celebrant*

Jon Lafleur, *Organist*

Jeannette Hicks, *Soloist*

Sara Coles, *Reader*

Larry Littlefield, *Veejay (VJ)*

The Flower Guild, *Altar Flowers*

Sarah Lee Martin, Diana Hardee, *Geraniums on the church steps and porch*

MB Witt, *Altar Guild*

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