

# Welcome to St. John's Church



## The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost:

*October 3, 2021*

*4:00 p.m.*

### **WELCOME 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 17 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 risk in our community, masked indoors, social distancing 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.*

## EVENSONG

*In accordance with the guidelines of the CDC and the CT Department of Health for areas of 'substantial' or 'high' risk of infection, St. John's asks everyone to wear masks inside the church, whether vaccinated or not.*

**Choral Prelude**      *Non Nobis Domine*      William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

*Translation: "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us; but to your name be the glory." Psalm 115:1*

### **The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell**

**Processional Hymn # 43**      *All Praise To Thee, My God, This Night*

- 1**      *All praise to thee, my God, this night,  
for all the blessings of the light:  
keep me, O keep me, King of kings,  
beneath thine own almighty wings.*
- 2**      *Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,  
the ill that I this day have done;  
that with the world, myself, and thee,  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.*
- 3**      *(Choir only) ~~O may my soul on thee repose,  
and with sweet sleep mine eyelids close;  
sleep that shall me more vigorous make  
to serve my God when I awake.~~*
- 4**      *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

### **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Preces & Responses*

*William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)*

*Officiant*      O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Choir*          *And our mouths shall shew forth thy praise.*

*Officiant*      O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir*          O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and Choir*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

*Praise ye the Lord.*

*The following, or some other suitable hymn, or an Invitatory Psalm, may be sung or said*

**Hymn # 26**      *O Gracious Light*

*1 (women only) O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,  
in you the Father's glory shone.*

*Immortal, holy, blest is he,  
and blest are you, his holy Son.*

*2 (men only) Now sunset comes, but light shines forth,  
the lamps are lit to pierce the night.*

*Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God  
who dwells in the eternal light.*

*3 (all) Worthy are you of endless praise,  
O Son of God, Life-giving Lord;  
wherefore you are through all the earth  
and in the highest heaven adored.*

*The congregation may be seated for the Psalm*

**Psalm # 145**

*Anglican chants by John Goss (1800-1880) and George Garrett (1834-1897)*

*1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.*

*2 Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.*

*3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.*

*4 One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.*

*5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.*

*6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.*

*7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.*

*8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \**

*slow to anger and of great kindness.*

*9 The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.*

*10 All your works praise you, O Lord, \*  
and your faithful servants bless you.*

*11 They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
and speak of your power;*

*12 That the peoples may know of your power \*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.*

*13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.*

*14 The Lord is faithful in all his words \*  
and merciful in all his deeds.*

*15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.*

*16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, \*  
and you give them their food in due season.*

*17 You open wide your hand \*  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.*

*18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways \*  
and loving in all his works.*

*19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.*

*20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \*  
he hears their cry and helps them.*

*21 The Lord preserves all those who love him, \*  
but he destroys all the wicked.*

*22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; \*  
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.*

## **The Lessons**

*INTRODUCTION: This reading from Kings, tells the story of the death of good King Hezekiah and foreshadows the rise of the Babylonian empire in the east.*

**A Reading from the Second Book of Kings (20:1-21)**

In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: Set your house in order, for you shall die; you shall not recover." Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD: "Remember now, O LORD, I implore you, how I have walked before you in faithfulness with a whole heart, and have done what is good in your sight." Hezekiah wept bitterly. Before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, the word of the LORD came to him: "Turn back, and say to Hezekiah prince of my people, Thus says the LORD, the God of your ancestor David: I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; indeed, I will heal you; on the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD. I will add fifteen years to your life. I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; I will defend this city for my own sake and for my servant David's sake." Then Isaiah said, "Bring a lump of figs. Let them take it and apply it to the boil, so that he may recover." Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the LORD on the third day?" Isaiah said, "This is the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he has promised: the shadow has now advanced ten intervals; shall it retreat ten intervals?" Hezekiah answered, "It is normal for the shadow to lengthen ten intervals; rather let the shadow retreat ten intervals." The prophet Isaiah cried to the LORD; and he brought the shadow back the ten intervals, by which the sun had declined on the dial of Ahaz. At that time King Merodach-baladan son of Baladan of Babylon sent envoys with letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick. Hezekiah welcomed them; he showed them all his treasure house, the silver, the gold, the spices, the precious oil, his armory, all that was found in his storehouses; there was nothing in his house or in all his realm that Hezekiah did not show them. Then the prophet Isaiah came to King Hezekiah, and said to him, "What did these men say? From where did they come to you?" Hezekiah answered, "They have come from a far country, from Babylon." He said, "What have they seen in your house?" Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing in my storehouses that I did not show them." Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD: Days are coming when all that is in your house, and that which your ancestors have stored up until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left, says the LORD. Some of your own sons who are born to you shall be taken away; they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon." Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the LORD that you have spoken is good." For he thought, "Why not, if there will be peace and security in my days?" The rest of the deeds of Hezekiah, all his power, how he made the pool and the conduit and brought water into the city, are they not

written in the Book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah? Hezekiah slept with his ancestors; and his son Manasseh succeeded him.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*  
The Word of the Lord.  
*People*           ***Thanks be to God.***

## **The Song of Mary**    *Magnificat*

*Magnificat octavi toni, LV 897*

*Orlando di Lasso (c. 1532-1594)*

*Translation:*

*My soul doth magnify the Lord.*

*and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.*

*For he hath regarded:*

*the lowliness of his handmaiden:*

*For behold, from henceforth:*

*all generations shall call me blessed.*

*For he that is mighty hath magnified me:*

*and holy is his Name.*

*And his mercy is on them that fear him:*

*throughout all generations.*

*He hath shewed strength with his arm:*

*he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.*

*He hath put down the mighty from their seat:*

*and hath exalted the humble and meek.*

*He hath filled the hungry with good things:*

*and the rich he hath sent empty away.*

*He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:*

*as he promised to our forefathers,*

*Abraham and his seed for ever.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

*INTRODUCTION: The second reading is the story of Jesus' raising to life of the son of the widow of Nain. This narrative would have been told in the early church to emphasize the new authority over death that had been shown forth in Jesus' own resurrection.*

## **A Reading from the Gospel of Luke (7:11-17)**

Soon afterwards Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his

mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen among us!” and “God has looked favorably on his people!” This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*  
The Word of the Lord.

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

## **The Song of Simeon**    *Nunc dimittis*

*Evening Service in B-flat - Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \*  
    according to thy word;  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, \*  
    which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \*  
    and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
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

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
    who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
    born of the Virgin Mary,  
    suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
    was crucified, dead, and buried.  
    He descended into hell.  
    The third day he rose again from the dead.  
    He ascended into heaven,  
    and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
    From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
    the holy catholic Church,  
    the communion of saints,  
    the forgiveness of sins,  
    the resurrection of the body,  
    and the life everlasting. Amen.***

*The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the prayers*

## **The Prayers**

*The Officiant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*Choir*            *And with thy spirit.*

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

*Choir*            *Lord, have mercy*

*Christ, have mercy*

*Lord, have mercy*

*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 Suffrages**

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

R. *And grant us thy salvation.*

V. O Lord, save the State.

R. *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

R. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

V. O Lord, save thy people

R. *And bless thine inheritance.*

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

R. *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R. *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is

afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. *Amen.*

### **Offertory Anthem**

*Beati Quorum Via*

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

*Translation: Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Psalm 119:1*

*An offering for the St. John's Music Program will be taken during this anthem,  
please be generous in your support*

### **Final Prayers**

*said by the priest at the High Altar*

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. *Amen.*

### **Final Blessing**

The peace of God, which passeth 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 amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn # 24**      *The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended*

- 1 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
the darkness falls at thy behest;  
to thee our morning hymns ascended,  
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.*
- 2 We thank thee that thy Church, unsleeping  
while earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping,  
and rests not now by day or night.*
- 3 As o'er each continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the strain of praise away.*
- 4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,  
like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
till all thy creatures own thy sway.*

**Organ Postlude:**      *Eventide Variations (Improvisation)*

***The flowers on the High Altar today are given to the Glory of God***

*Anyone may reserve altar flowers on a particular Sunday for memorials.  
The Altar Flower Chart is in the Parish Hall or on the SJ Google Drive.*

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