

# Welcome to St. John's Church



## The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost:

*September 19, 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 12 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.*

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

*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**                      *If Ye Love Me*                      Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

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

**Processional Hymn # 400**      "*All Creatures Of Our God And King*"

*verses 4 & 6 sung by choir alone*

**1** *All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing:*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Bright burning sun with golden beams,  
pale silver moon that gently gleams,*

*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

**2** *Great rushing winds and breezes soft,  
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,*

*O praise him, Alleluia!*

*Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,  
stars nightly shining, find a voice,*

*Refrain*

**3** *Swift flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear,*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,  
you give to us both warmth and light,*

*Refrain*

**4** *(choir only) ~~Dear mother earth, you day by day  
unfold your blessings on our way,~~*

*~~O praise him, Alleluia!~~*

*~~All flowers and fruits that in you grow,  
let them his glory also show:~~*

*Refrain*

*5 All you with mercy in your heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing now: Alleluia!  
All you that pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God, and cast on him your care:*

*Refrain*

*6 (choir only) ~~And even you, most gentle death,  
waiting to hush our final breath,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
You lead back home the child of God,  
for Christ our Lord that way has trod:~~*

*Refrain*

*7 Let all things their creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:*

*Refrain*

## **The Word of God**

*The people standing, the Celebrant may say*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

*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.***

## **The Gloria**

*Missa Brevis*

Andrea Gabrieli (c. 1532-1585)

## **The Collect of the Day**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Lessons**

*INTRODUCTION: The book of Proverbs ends with a poem about a capable wife. Many of the qualities are those of wisdom herself, so this is also a summary of the book.*

### **A Reading from the Book of Proverbs:**

A capable wife who can find?  
She is far more precious than jewels.  
The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
and he will have no lack of gain.  
She does him good, and not harm,  
all the days of her life.  
She seeks wool and flax,  
and works with willing hands.  
She is like the ships of the merchant,  
she brings her food from far away.  
She rises while it is still night  
and provides food for her household  
and tasks for her servant-girls.  
She considers a field and buys it;  
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.  
She girds herself with strength,  
and makes her arms strong.  
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.  
Her lamp does not go out at night.  
She puts her hands to the distaff,  
and her hands hold the spindle.  
She opens her hand to the poor,  
and reaches out her hands to the needy.  
She is not afraid for her household when it snows,  
for all her household are clothed in crimson.  
She makes herself coverings;  
her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the city gates,  
 taking his seat among the elders of the land.  
 She makes linen garments and sells them;  
 she supplies the merchant with sashes.  
 Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
 and she laughs at the time to come.  
 She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
 and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
 She looks well to the ways of her household,  
 and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
 Her children rise up and call her happy;  
 her husband too, and he praises her:  
 “Many women have done excellently,  
 but you surpass them all.”  
 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
 but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.  
 Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,  
 and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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

*Silence may follow.*

## Psalm 1

Mode 8

**Refrain**

Hap - py are they whose de - light is in the law of the Lord.

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated.

### *The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain*

*At the beginning, a cantor will sing the refrain once, after which the congregation is invited to repeat it. The verses will then be sung by cantors, and the congregation is invited to repeat the refrain after verses 2, 4, and 6.*

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
 nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
 nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night. (*refrain*)
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away. (*refrain*)
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed. (*refrain*)

*INTRODUCTION: According to the author, a sin commonly found in the Christian community is intemperate speech. Another common sin is arrogance. Avoiding arrogance requires shunning earthly wisdom and praying for godly wisdom.*

### **A Reading from the Letter of James:**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People            Thanks be to God.*

**Gradual Hymn # 482**    *Lord Of All Hopefulness*

*1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,*

*be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*

**2** *Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*

**3** *Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.*

**4** *Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.*

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

*INTRODUCTION: In our Gospel this morning, Jesus has told the disciples something they find hard to accept: that he, the Son of Man, the Messiah, will suffer. Now he adds that he is to be betrayed and handed over to people who will treat him harshly, bidding his disciples to have a servant ministry amongst themselves.*

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

*People*      ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, Priest-in-Charge

## **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:*

*by the power of the Holy Spirit*

*he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,*

*and was made man.*

*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 and the Son,*

*With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.*

*He 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

We gather in prayer and in song, offering our thanks to God whose transforming love sets our hearts on the path to everlasting joy, as we respond to each petition by saying, "Hear us, O Spirit of Truth."

+ In thanksgiving for the peacemakers who sow seeds of reconciliation throughout the world, and who wait with faithful patience for the harvest to appear; remembering especially António, Secretary General of the United Nations, Joe, our President, Ned our Governor, Jim, the First Selectman of the town of Washington, the members of our Congresses and Courts; for this we pray.

*Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.*

+ That we may embrace our children with God's unconditional love, and receive from them the freshness of word and spirit that enlivens our community of faith, 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; and Ian and Laura, our Bishops, Fr. Geoff, our priest, and for all the members of this congregation; for this we pray.

*Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.*

+ That a spirit of simplicity may prevail throughout our culture, leading to changes in our use of financial resources, the purchase of goods and services, and a responsible use of natural resources; for this we pray.

*Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.*

+ That we may put aside actions that speak of envy and self-ambition, and embrace virtues that honor the presence of God in every person; for this we pray.

*Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.*

+ For those who are ill in the midst of this pandemic, in crowded hospitals, overwhelmed nursing facilities, or at home alone, and especially those for whom our prayers are asked, Mary Jo Keating, Marlene Smith, Tom Witt, Kathy Coe, Diana Clark, Lisa Lafleur, and all who are housebound especially Janet Chenery and Joan Beattie, that they may be freed from their physical burdens and receive spiritual health; let us pray.

*Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.*

+ That Christ will welcome into the arms of his mercy the more than 650,000 Americans who have died so far in this pandemic, and all the unloved and unmourned, without family or friends at their side, and also for our friend, Ken Hecken; for this we pray.

*Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.*

In the presence of the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the world, let us continue our prayers and thanksgivings, pausing now so that all may add their own petitions or thanksgiving, either silently in their hearts or aloud in our midst.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, 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*

***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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 the Lord 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**      *Lead Me, Lord*      Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

## **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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

**Sanctus**                      *Missa Brevis*                      Andrea Gabrieli (c. 1532-1585)

*Then the Celebrant continues*

**H**oly and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.***

**Agnus Dei**

*Missa Brevis*

Andrea Gabrieli (c. 1532-1585)

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians of all ages and denominations are welcome to receive Communion in this place.*

*This is God's house and the Lord's table, not ours*

*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 Hymns # 324**     *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.*
- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,  
in the Body and the Blood  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.*
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of Light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.*
- 4 At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim with sleepless eye  
veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
"Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"*

**Communion Anthem**    *Ecce, Panis Angelorum*    Giovanni Croce (1557-1609)

*Translation:*

*Behold the Bread of Angels,  
made the Food of wayfarers,  
Truly the bread of children,  
not to be given to the dogs.*

*for online worshippers, and for those who for other reasons choose not to receive, 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 are not now receiving 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.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

***Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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.***

**Recessional Hymn # 657**    *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

***1*** *Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,*

*pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.*

*2 Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.*

*3 Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude**

*Allegro*

Pietro Antonio Fiocco (1654-1714)

*The flowers on the High Altar today are given to the Glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for gifts and ministry our new Organist & Choirmaster,  
Tom Brand*

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

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**Washington, CT 06793**

**Worship Ministers Today:**

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, *Celebrant*

The Reverend Dr. Lisa Hahneman, *Assistant*

Tom Brand, *Organist & Choir Master*

Tom Hollinger, *8:00 Reader*

Penny Bardel, *10:00 Reader*

Laura Daly, *Veejay (VJ)*

Sara Coles, MB Witt: *Altar Guild*

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