

# Welcome to St. John's Church



## The Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

*October 17, 2021*

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

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

*St. John's asks everyone to wear masks inside the church, whether vaccinated or not.*

## **Organ Prelude**

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

**Processional Hymn # 379**      *God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him*

- 1 God is Love, let heaven adore him;  
God is Love, let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him  
and exalt him with one voice.  
God who laid the earth's foundation,  
God who spread the heaven above,  
God who breathes through all creation:  
God is Love, eternal Love.*
- 2 God is Love; and Love enfolds us,  
all the world in one embrace:  
with unfailing grasp God holds us,  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then we find that selfsame aching  
deep within the heart of God.*
- 3 God is Love; and though with blindness  
sin afflicts all human life,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
guides us through our earthly strife.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love for ever  
o'er the universe must reign.*

## **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 S # 280**

*Gloria in Excelsis*

- 1*** ***Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.***
- 2*** ***Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.***
- 3*** ***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,***
- 4*** ***you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us;***
- 5*** ***you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.***
- 6*** ***For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,***
- 7*** ***you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

## **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.*

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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: Job has complained of God's indifference and injustice to him; he has asked why his misfortune happened. He has pleaded that God hear him, that God answer him. And in today's reading God answers Job out of the whirlwind.*

### **A Reading from the Book of Job (38:1-7, 34-41)**

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

“Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,

so that a flood of waters may cover you?

Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go

and say to you, ‘Here we are’?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,

or given understanding to the mind?

Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,

when the dust runs into a mass

and the clods cling together?

“Can you hunt the prey for the lion,

or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

when they crouch in their dens,

or lie in wait in their covert?

Who provides for the raven its prey,  
when its young ones cry to God,  
and wander about for lack of food?"

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

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

### **Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b**

Mode 7

**Refrain**

How    ex - cel - lent    is    you    great - ness,    O        God.

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 4, 8, & 37b.*

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; \*  
    O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness!  
    you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- 2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak \*  
    and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- 3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; \*  
    you make the clouds your chariot;  
    you ride on the wings of the wind.
- 4 You make the winds your messengers \*  
    and flames of fire your servants.
- 5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, \*  
    so that it never shall move at any time.
- 6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; \*  
    the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- 7 At your rebuke they fled; \*  
    at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, \*  
    to the places you had appointed for them.
- 9 You set the limits that they should not pass; \*  
    they shall not again cover the earth.

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

37b Hallelujah!

*INTRODUCTION: The author depicts Jesus as our great High Priest who offers up prayers and supplications, and becomes the source of eternal salvation.*

### **A Reading from the Letter of Hebrews (5:1-10)**

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

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

**Gradual Hymn # 660**    *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

- 1** *O Master, let me walk with thee  
in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.*
- 2** *Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.*
- 3** *Teach me thy patience; still with thee  
in closer, dearer company,*

*in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong,  
4 in hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.*

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

*INTRODUCTION: In the gospel reading, Jesus' followers still expect that his way will quickly lead to a state of glory in which they will have special places. Jesus tells them about a different view of discipleship.*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St. Mark (10:35-45)**

*People                      Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

*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 congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the Prayers and Confession*

## **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray to God, who holds the world in his marvelous light, responding to each petition, "Hear us, O Spirit of Truth."

+ For those who serve the Church, that we may proclaim Christ's message to the world with courage and conviction, and challenge ourselves to be Christ in our community, 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; and also may God bless and grant the Bishop Transition Committee the gifts of wisdom, humility, and empathy as they discern your will for a new shepherd, inspirational leader, and willing advocate as we further your work in the Episcopal Church in CT; let us pray.

***Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.***

+ In thanksgiving for the witness of those who have given us a vision of servant ministry, that we may be guided by their life and example, remembering especially the work of the Washington Council of Congregations; let us pray.

***Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.***

+ For the beauty of creation as the seasons take their turn; may we be good stewards of this fragile earth, our island home, and use our natural resources with care and conservation; 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, let us pray.

***Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.***

+ In thanksgiving for indigenous peoples in every land; may they receive the honor and respect that is their due, and the hope of a more abundant life; let us pray.

***Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.***

+ That we may rise from the gravity of personal sufferings, and see in our wounds the healing grace of Jesus, who calls us to blessing in every place where darkness obscures the gift of love, remembering especially those for whom our prayers are asked, Mary Jo Keating, Tom Witt, Kathy Coe, Diana Clark, Lisa Lafleur, and all who are housebound especially Janet Chenery and Joan Beattie; let us pray.

***Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.***

+ That our Great High Priest will receive all those who have departed this life in faith, especially those who have perished needlessly in the midst of this pandemic,

and remembering especially Hedda Windisch Von Goeben, who died last week, and judge with mercy, O Lord, those who turned from your face; for this we pray.  
***Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.***

The prayers of the faithful are like incense rising to the heavens, and so we pause 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.*

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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**      *Look At The World*

John Rutter (1945-)

**Hymn # 380, verse 3**

**<sup>3</sup> 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 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 Pro Populo IV*      Johannes Nepomuk Skraup (1811-1892)

*The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the consecration prayer*

*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 Pro Populo IV*      Johannes Nepomuk Skraup (1811-1892)

*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, as the Celebrant moves along 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 # 304**      *I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord*

- 1** *I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.*
- 2** *I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.*
- 3** *As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
That love that made us makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.*
- 4** *And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
we see, and praise him here.*

***5 Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world,  
we'll live and speak his praise.***

*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 # 477**      *All Praise To Thee, For Thou, O King Divine*

***1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,  
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,  
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine.***

***Alleluia!***

***2 Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;  
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought;  
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought.***

***Alleluia!***

*3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
who wast a servant that we might be free,  
humbling thyself to death on Calvary.*

*Alleluia!*

*4 Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou  
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,  
and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.*

*Alleluia!*

*5 Let every tongue confess with one accord  
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;  
and God the Father be by all adored.*

*Alleluia! Amen.*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

### **Organ Postlude**

*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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**Worship Ministers Today:**

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, *Celebrant*

Tom Brand, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Tom Hollinger, *8:00 Reader*

Penny Bardel, *10:00 Reader*

Joseph Claro, *Veejay (VJ)*

Camille Gillespie, MB Witt: *Altar Guild*

Veronique Dulack, *Coffee Hour*

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