

# Welcome to St. John's Church



## The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost:

*July 18, 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 risk in our community, 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.*

# MORNING PRAYER

*The fully vaccinated need not wear face masks inside the church, if they do not wish to do so. Any who wish to may continue to wear their masks. And the unvaccinated are asked to stay masked.*

**Prelude**                    *Three hymns from the 1940 hymnal*  
                                  *Bishophorpe*  
                                  *Trios*

Healey Willan  
Josef Rheinberger

*Congregants are welcome to sing quietly with or without their masks*

**Opening Hymn # 537**    *Christ For The World We Sing*

- 1 Christ for the world we sing!  
The world to Christ we bring  
with loving zeal;  
the poor, and them that mourn,  
the faint and overborne,  
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,  
whom Christ doth heal.*
- 2 Christ for the world we sing!  
The world to Christ we bring  
with fervent prayer;  
the wayward and the lost,  
by restless passions tossed,  
redeemed at countless cost  
from dark despair.*
- 3 Christ for the world we sing!  
The world to Christ we bring  
with one accord;  
with us the work to share,  
with us reproach to dare,  
with us the cross to bear,  
for Christ our Lord.*
- 4 Christ for the world we sing!  
The world to Christ we bring  
with joyful song;  
the new-born souls, whose days,  
reclaimed from error's ways,  
inspired with hope and praise,  
to Christ belong.*

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*The people standing, the Officiant may say*

*Officiant*      **O Lord, open our lips.**

*People*          ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

*Officiant and People*

***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. Alleluia.***

## **Invitatory Psalm**

*Officiant and People*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: ***Come let us adore him.***

***Come, let us sing to the Lord; \****

***let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.***

***Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \****

***and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.***

***For the Lord is a great God, \****

***and a great King above all gods.***

***In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \****

***and the heights of the hills are his also.***

***The sea is his, for he made it, \****

***and his hands have molded the dry land.***

***Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \****

***and kneel before the Lord our Maker.***

***For he is our God,***

***and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \****

***Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!***

*Officiant and People*

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## **Psalm 89:20-37**

***20 I have found David my servant; \****

***with my holy oil have I anointed him.***

***21 My hand will hold him fast \****

***and my arm will make him strong.***

***22 No enemy shall deceive him, \****

***nor any wicked man bring him down.***

***23 I will crush his foes before him \****

***and strike down those who hate him.***

*24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, \*  
and he shall be victorious through my Name.*

*25 I shall make his dominion extend \*  
from the Great Sea to the River.*

*26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, \*  
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'*

*27 I will make him my firstborn \*  
and higher than the kings of the earth.*

*28 I will keep my love for him for ever, \*  
and my covenant will stand firm for him.*

*29 I will establish his line for ever \*  
and his throne as the days of heaven."*

*30 "If his children forsake my law \*  
and do not walk according to my judgments;*

*31 If they break my statutes \*  
and do not keep my commandments;*

*32 I will punish their transgressions with a rod \*  
and their iniquities with the lash;*

*33 But I will not take my love from him, \*  
nor let my faithfulness prove false.*

*34 I will not break my covenant, \*  
nor change what has gone out of my lips.*

*35 Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: \*  
'I will not lie to David.*

*36 His line shall endure for ever \*  
and his throne as the sun before me;*

*37 It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, \*  
the abiding witness in the sky.' "*

*At the end of the Psalms is said*

*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 Lessons**

*INTRODUCTION: In our first reading, David's enemies have been subdued and David turns his thoughts to building a temple to the Lord. Through the prophet Nathan, God declares that David will not build a temple, but that God will make of David a great house, establishing his throne forever.*

### **A Reading from the Second Scroll of the Prophet Samuel:**

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a

house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.” But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to 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.*

## **Canticle: The Song of Zechariah**

*Luke 1:68-79*

***Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \****

***he has come to his people and set them free.***

***He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \****

***born of the house of his servant David.***

***Through his holy prophets he promised of old,***

***that he would save us from our enemies, \****

***from the hands of all who hate us.***

***He promised to show mercy to our fathers \****

***and to remember his holy covenant.***

***This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \****

***to set us free from the hands of our enemies,***

***Free to worship him without fear, \****

***holy and righteous in his sight***

***all the days of our life.***

***You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \****

*for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
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.*

*INTRODUCTION: In the second reading, Paul writes that through the sacrifice of Jesus, the power of the law to separate and the wall of hostility are broken down, and former strangers become fellow members of the household of God.*

### **A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Ephesians:**

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

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

### **Canticle: A Song to the Lamb**

*Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13*

***Splendor and honor and kingly power \****  
*are yours by right, O Lord our God,*  
***For you created everything that is, \****  
*and by your will they were created and have their being;*

*And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.*

*And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \**

*INTRODUCTION: In the third reading, the apostles return from their first mission and are summoned away by Jesus to a place of solitude and restoration.*

### **A Reading from the Gospel of Mark:**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.*

*People            Thanks be to God.*

### **The Sermon**

*Sara Coles, licensed Preacher*

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.*

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.*

*He descended to the dead.*

*On the third day he rose again.*

*He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

**Offertory Hymn # 664** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

- 1 My Shepherd will supply my need,  
Jehovah is his Name;  
in pastures fresh he makes me feed  
beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back  
when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,  
in paths of truth and grace.*
- 2 When I walk through the shades of death,  
thy presence is my stay;  
one word of thy supporting breath  
drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,  
doth still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows,  
thy oil anoints my head.*
- 3 The sure provisions of my God  
attend me all my days;  
oh, may thy house be mine abode  
and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest,  
while others go and come;  
no more a stranger or a guest,  
but like a child at home.*

## **The Prayers**

*Officiant*    The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**  
*Officiant*    Let us pray.



*Officiant and People*

***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. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. ***And grant us your salvation.***  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. ***Let your people sing with joy.***  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. ***For only in you can we live in safety.***  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. ***And guide us in the way of justice and truth.***  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. ***Your saving health among all nations.***  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. ***Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.***  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. ***And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.***

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**The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

**A Collect for Sunday**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Prayer for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Hymn # 708**      *Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us*

*1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us;  
for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.*

*2 Early let us seek thy favor,  
early let us learn thy will;  
do thou, Lord, our only Savior,  
with thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessèd Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us: love us still.*

*Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

*Officiant:* Let us continue our prayers, pausing now so that all may add their own prayers or petitions, either silently in their hearts or out loud in our midst.

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,*

*that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.* \

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Then may be said*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### **Closing Hymn #345      Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name We Raise**

- 1 Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise  
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
that in this house have called upon thy Name.*
- 2 Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;  
with thee began, with thee shall end the day:  
from harm and danger keep thy children free,  
for dark and light are both alike to thee.*
- 3 Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life;  
peace to thy Church from error and from strife;  
peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;  
peace in each heart, thy Spirit from above:*
- 4 thy peace in life, the balm of every pain;  
thy peace in death, the hope to rise again;  
then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.*

*The Officiant may then conclude*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*      *2 Corinthians 13:14*

**Postlude**

*Go Your Way Rejoicing*

Douglas Wagner

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

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

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## **ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**78 Green Hill Road  
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### **Worship Ministers Today:**

Sara Coles, *Officiant at 10:00*

Tom Hollinger, *Officiant at 8:00*

Jon Lafleur, *Organist*

Bob & Sara Coles, Susan Mullins, Ann Hodgman, Jill & Marty Sauser, *Choir*

John Magee, *8:00 Reader*

Justin Ormand, *10:00 Reader*

Joseph Claro, *Veejay (VJ)*

Sara Cole, MB Witt: *Altar Guild*

MB Witt, Laura Daly: *Coffee Hour*

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