

Welcome to St. John's Church



The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost:

August 15, 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, staying masked inside, 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

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

Prelude *Prelude of hymns by Sir Arthur Sullivan*

Opening Hymn # 427 *When Morning Gilds The Skies*

- 1 When morning gilds the skies,
my heart, awaking, cries,
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call,
 may Jesus Christ be praised!*
- 2 When mirth for music longs,
this is my song of songs:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
God's holy house of prayer
hath none that can compare
 with: Jesus Christ be praised!*
- 3 No lovelier antiphon
in all high heaven is known
 than, Jesus Christ be praised!
There to the eternal Word
the eternal psalm is heard:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!*
- 4 Ye nations of mankind,
in this your concord find:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!*
- 4 Sing, suns and stars of space,
sing, ye that see his face,
 sing, Jesus Christ be praised!
God's whole creation o'er,
both now and evermore
 shall Jesus Christ be praised!*

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 111

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *

and his righteousness endures for ever.

*4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.*

*5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.*

*6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.*

*7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.*

*8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.*

*9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.*

*10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.*

The Lessons

INTRODUCTION: In our first reading, Solomon assumes the throne of his father David and asks for an understanding and discerning mind to govern God's people.

A Reading from the First Book of Kings:

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself

understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

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, the new Christians at Ephesus are bid to live wisely, and glad with songs, to give thanks for everything to God.

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

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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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, Jesus speaks further about the bread from heaven which must be eaten in order to share in the life of the eternal age.

A Reading from the Gospel of John:

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my

blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

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The Sermon

Laura Daly, *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 # 232

By All Your Saints Still Striving

¹ By all your saints still striving,

for all your saints at rest,

your holy Name, O Jesus,

for evermore be blessed.

You rose, our King victorious,

that they might wear the crown

and ever shine in splendor

reflected from your throne.

2. We sing with joy of Mary

*whose heart with awe was stirred
when, youthful and unready,
she heard the angel's word;
yet she her voice upraises,
God's glory to proclaim,
as once for our salvation
your mother she became*

*³ Then let us praise the Father
and worship God the Son
and sing to God the Spirit,
eternal Three in One,
till all the ransomed number
who stand before the throne
ascribe all power and glory
and praise to God alone.*

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.*

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 # 668 *I To The Hills Will Lift Mine Eyes*

*1 I to the hills will lift mine eyes;
from whence shall come my aid?
My help is from the Lord above
who heaven and earth hath made.*

*2 He will not let thy foot be moved,
his own he safely keeps;
with watchful and untiring eye*

- he slumbers not, nor sleeps.*
- 3** *Thy faithful guardian is the Lord,
thy shelter and thy shade;
nor sun by day, nor moon by night,
need make thy soul afraid.*
- 4** *From evil he shall keep thee safe
and shall thy strength restore
and guard thy going out and in,
both now and evermore.*

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 # 594 *God Of Grace And God Of Glory*

- 1*** *God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.*
- 2*** *Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise:
grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days.*
- 3*** *Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*
- 4*** *Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore.*

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 *On Our Way Rejoicing (1940 hymn)*

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.*

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Jon Lafleur, *Organist*

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

John Magee, *8:00 Reader*

Laura Daly, *10:00 Reader*

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