

# Welcome to St. John's Church



## The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost:

*October 10, 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.*

**Choral Prelude**      *God Be In My Head*    Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

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

**Processional Hymn # 408**      *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

- 1 Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation;  
with healing balm my soul he fills,  
and every faithless murmur stills:  
to God all praise and glory.*
- 2 What God's almighty power hath made,  
his gracious mercy keepeth;  
by morning glow or evening shade  
his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of his might,  
lo! All is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory.*
- 3 Let all who name Christ's holy Name  
give God all praise and glory;  
let all who know his power proclaim  
aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne,  
the Lord is God, and he alone:  
to God all praise and glory.*

## 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.*

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

*INTRODUCTION: Job, a man of great integrity and fidelity to God, has been stripped of all his possessions and of his children, and is suffering greatly both mentally and physically. Now Job seeks to plead his case before God.*

### **A Reading from the Book of Job (23:1-9, 16-17)**

Job said: “Today also my complaint is bitter;  
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.  
Oh, that I knew where I might find him,  
that I might come even to his dwelling!  
I would lay my case before him,  
and fill my mouth with arguments.  
I would learn what he would answer me,  
and understand what he would say to me.  
Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?  
No; but he would give heed to me.  
There an upright person could reason with him,  
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.  
“If I go forward, he is not there;  
or backward, I cannot perceive him;  
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;  
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.  
God has made my heart faint;  
the Almighty has terrified me;  
If only I could vanish in darkness,  
and thick darkness would cover my face!”

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

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 22:1-15**

Mode 8

**Refrain**

Be not far from me, 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, 12 & 15.*

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 “He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.
- 12 Many young bulls encircle me; \*  
strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
- 13 They open wide their jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water;  
all my bones are out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is melting wax.
- 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

*INTRODUCTION: The author has written that we can boldly approach God's throne because Jesus, our great High Priest, has known our weaknesses and temptations.*

### **A Reading from the Letter of Hebrews (4:12-16)**

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

*The Word of the Lord.*

*People            Thanks be to God.*

### **Gradual Hymn # 680    *O God, Our Help In Ages Past***

*1 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:*

*2 under the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.*

*3 Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.*

*4 A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.*

*5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly, forgotten, as a dream*

*dies at the opening day.*  
**6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.**

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

*INTRODUCTION: In the gospel reading, Jesus counsels a man to sell all he owns for the benefit of the poor and follow him, and then teaches how hard it is for those with riches to enter the kingdom of God.*

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

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

*People*      **The Gospel of the Lord.  
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**

We, the adopted sons and daughters of the Risen One, offer our prayers and petitions to Jesus, our great High Priest, responding, "Hear us, O Spirit of Truth."

+ Rock of our Salvation, help us to identify those things that keep us from following you with our whole heart and mind and soul, and give us the courage to do what you ask; for this we pray.

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

+ Crucified One, in your selfless love you gave your life that we might have life abundant; infuse us with a deep sense of gratitude, that we may be generous in our giving towards the work of your Church, your outward and visible presence in the world today, 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 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; for this we pray.

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

+ Defender of orphans and widows, be with children who have no mother or father, with women who have lost husbands and sons on the field of battle, that agencies for support and counsel will give them an opportunity for healing and new life, remembering especially the work of the Washington Council of Congregations; for this we pray.

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

+ Good Shepherd, search for us who randomly fall into the snares of sin, seek us when we are deaf to your call and swallowed up by our pride and self-interests, and show us the way of return and forgiveness; for this we pray.

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

+ Jesus, healer of mankind, we pray for all who suffer, 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; for this we pray.

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

+ Author of peace, free the world from the struggles for power and supremacy, 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, that we may lay down weapons of destruction and raise up those things which provide for the education, health, and security of the global community; for this we pray.

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

+ Risen Christ, raise the dead who have departed this life in faith, especially those who have perished in the midst of this pandemic, and particularly John Tangeman, who died last week, and judge with mercy those who turned from your face; for this we pray.

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

In companionship with Mary, the blessed mother of Jesus, and all the saints, we continue our prayers, 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.*

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion, we beseech thee, on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which so often infect our hearts; break down the walls that sometimes separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our own struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations, peoples, races and tongues may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through 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**      *Prayer of St. Francis*      Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)

**Hymn # 380, verse 3**

***3 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 Secunda*      Michael Haller (1840-1915)

*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 Secunda*

Michael Haller (1840-1915))

*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 # 302** *Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted*

- 1 Father, we thank thee who hast planted  
thy holy Name within our hearts.  
Knowledge and faith and life immortal  
Jesus thy Son to us imparts.*
- 2 Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy pleasure,  
didst give us food for all our days,  
giving in Christ the Bread eternal;  
thine is the power, be thine the praise.*
- 3 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mercy,*

*save it from evil, guard it still,  
perfect it in thy love, unite it,  
cleansed and conformed unto thy will.*

*4 As grain, once scattered on the hillsides,  
was in this broken bread made one,  
so from all lands thy Church be gathered  
into thy kingdom by thy Son.*

*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 # 460**      *Alleluia! Sing To Jesus!*

*1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion*

*thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.*

*2 Alleluia! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?*

*3 Alleluia! bread of Heaven,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.*

*4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast.*

*5 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of holy Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude**      *Pastorale*      Luigi Bottazzo (1845-1924)

***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.*



**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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**Worship Ministers Today:**

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, *Celebrant*

Tom Brand, *Organist & Choirmaster*

John Magee, *8:00 Reader*

Rebecca Bent, *10:00 Reader*

Larry Littlefield, *Veejay (VJ)*

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