

# Welcome to St. John's Church



## The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost:

*October 24, 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 # 410**     *Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven*

*1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring.*

*Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise the everlasting King!*

*2 Praise him for his grace and favor  
to his people in distress.*

*Praise him, still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Glorious in his faithfulness!*

*3 Fatherlike he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows.*

*In his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Widely yet his mercy flows!*

*4 Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face.*

*Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise with us the God of grace!*

## **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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: In the conclusion of the saga of Job, who demanded justice for his suffering and encountered the voice of God out of the whirlwind, now he responds in great humility and finds restoration of his life and fortunes.*

### **A Reading from the Book of Job (42:1-6, 10-17)**

Job answered the LORD: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes." And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 34:1-8**    *the choir will sing the Psalm in Anglican chant*

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.

- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!

*INTRODUCTION: The author depicts Jesus as our great High Priest who presented the perfect sacrifice of himself upon the Cross once for all.*

### **A Reading from the Letter of Hebrews (7:23-28)**

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People            Thanks be to God.*

### **Gradual Hymn # 709    O God Of Bethel, By Whose Hand**

***1 O God of Bethel, by whose hand***

***thy people still are fed;***

***who through this earthly pilgrimage***

***hast all thine Israel led:***

***2 Our vows, our prayers, we now present***

***before thy throne of grace:***

***O God of Israel, be the God***

***of this succeeding race.***

***3 Through each perplexing path of life***

*our wandering footsteps guide;  
give us each day our daily bread,  
and raiment fit provide.*

*4 O spread thy sheltering wings around,  
till all our wanderings cease,  
and at our Father's loved abode  
our souls arrive in peace!*

*5 Such blessings from thy gracious hand  
our humble prayers implore;  
and thou shalt be our covenant God  
and portion evermore.*

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

*INTRODUCTION: The gospel story this morning is Jesus' healing of the blind Bartimaeus.*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St. Mark (10:46-52)**

*People                    Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

*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**

Jesus, our great high priest, makes constant intercession for his people. Joining with him, let us lift our voices in prayer and thanksgiving, responding to each petition, "Hear us, O Spirit of Truth."

+ That we may listen to the cries of those who call to us out of desperation and despair, like the blind Bartimaeus, and respond to their needs with mercy and

compassion, remembering especially the work of the Washington Council of Congregations; let us pray.

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

+ In thanksgiving for Christ's gift of healing, we remember all those suffering in the time of great anxiety, 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 peace may prevail in all the world, so that farmlands, education, security, health care, and hope may be restored to those who have suffered the tyranny of war and poverty, 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.***

+ That we may be a people of thanksgiving and gratitude, witnessing to God's generosity, offering the fruits of our labors to the glory of God, joining together in the household of faith to proclaim the kingdom through word and deed, 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 the members of the Bishop's Transition Committee; let us pray.

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

+ For all those who have died in the midst of this global pandemic; may they rejoice with the angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven; let us pray.

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

In the faith that makes all things new, we continue our prayers and thanksgivings as 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.*

○ God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; 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**      *O Taste and See*      Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

## 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**                      *Messa Del Quinto Tuono*                      Antonio Lotti (1667 - 1740)

*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**                      *Messa Del Quinto Tuono*                      Antonio Lotti (1667 - 1740)

*Translation: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

*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 # 321**     *My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread*

- 1** *My God, thy table now is spread,  
thy cup with love doth overflow;  
be all thy children thither led,  
and let them thy sweet mercies know.*
- 2** *O let thy table honored be,  
and furnished well with joyful guests;  
and may each soul salvation see,  
that here its sacred pledges tastes.*
- 3** *Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord,  
in countless number let them come  
and gather from their Father's board  
the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.*
- 4** *Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest  
till through the world thy truth has run,  
till with this Bread shall all be blessed  
who see the light or feel the sun.*

*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 # 411**      *O Bless The Lord, My Soul!*

- 1 O bless the Lord, my soul!  
His grace to thee proclaim!  
And all that is within me join  
to bless his holy Name!*
- 2 O bless the Lord, my soul!  
His mercies bear in mind!  
Forget not all his benefits!  
The Lord to thee is kind.*
- 3 He will not always chide;  
he will with patience wait;  
his wrath is ever slow to rise  
and ready to abate.*
- 4 He pardons all thy sins,  
prolongs thy feeble breath;  
he healeth thine infirmities  
and ransoms thee from death.*
- 5 He clothes thee with his love,  
upholds thee with his truth;  
and like the eagle he renews  
the vigor of thy youth.*
- 6 Then bless his holy Name,  
whose grace hath made thee whole,  
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:  
O bless the Lord, my soul!*

*People*      Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**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*

John Magee, *8:00 Reader*

Mary Davis, *10:00 Reader*

Larry Littlefield, *Veejay (VJ)*

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