

# Welcome to St. John's Church



## The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost:

*August 7, 2022*

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

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

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

***Masks are now optional in church. Please exercise caution,  
and care and respect for one another.***


*Children's activity bags are available on the bench by the Baptistry.  
Please return them after the Service.*

## Organ Prelude


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

### Opening Hymn # 709 *O God Of Bethel, By Whose Hand Thy People Still Are Fed*

*Unison*



1 O God of Beth - el, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are fed;  
2 Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent be - fore thy throne of grace:  
3 Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wan - dering foot - steps guide;  
4 O spread thy shel - tering wings a - round, till all our wan - derings cease,  
5 Such bless - ings from thy gra - cious hand our hum - ble prayers im - plore;



1 who through this earth - ly pil - grim - age hast all thine Is - rael led:  
2 O God of Is - rael, be the God of this suc - ceed - ing race.  
3 give us each day our dai - ly bread, and rai - ment fit pro - vide.  
4 and at our Fa - ther's loved a - bode our souls ar - rive in peace!  
5 and thou shalt be our cov - enant God and por - tion ev - er - more.

## The Word of God

*The people standing, the Celebrant may say*

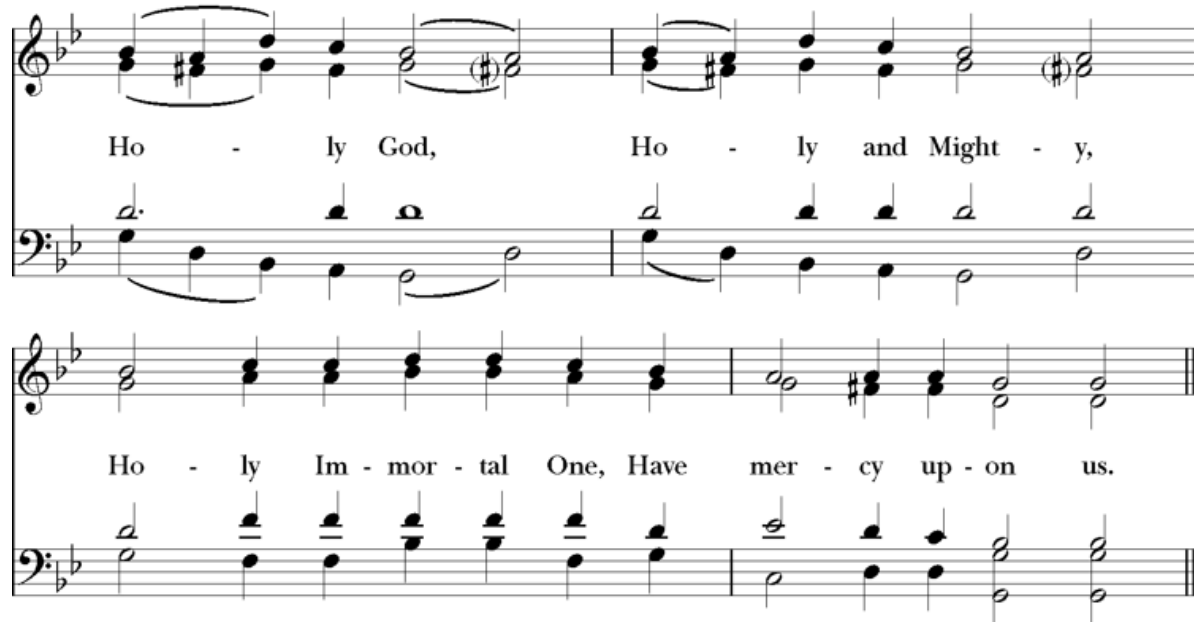
*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*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 Trisagion S # 102



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with the Bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

Peace be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Readings

*INTRODUCTION: Our opening reading tells how the Lord cannot abide the offerings and solemn ceremonies of a people who are without compassion.*

### A Reading from the Scroll of the Prophet Isaiah (1:1, 10-20)

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more;

bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation -- I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

*The Word of the Lord.*

*People                    Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 50:1-8, 23-34** *the congregation is invited to recite the Psalm in unison*

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.*
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.*
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.*
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.*
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."*
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.*
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.*
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.*

**23 Consider this well, you who forget God, \***  
**lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.**

**24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; \***  
**but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God.”**

*INTRODUCTION: In our second Reading, faith is described as holding fast to things hoped for and learning to trust in their truth.*

### **A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews (11:1-3, 8-16)**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

***Thanks be to God.***

### **Gradual Hymn # 533    *How Wondrous And Great Thy Works***

1 How won - drous and of great earth thy works, God of praise!  
2 To na - tions of earth thy light shall be shown;



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

*INTRODUCTION: In this morning's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples to trust entirely in the reign of God, our Father in heaven, and to be ready at all times for the coming of the Son of Man.*

## **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke (12:32-40)**

*People                      Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed

are those slaves. “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

*After the Gospel, the Reader says  
The Gospel of the Lord.*

*People            Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**                      The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, Priest-in-Charge

## **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.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

In thanksgiving for the freedom and vigor that comes from a life lived in faith, we offer our petitions, responding, “Hear our prayer.”

***The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the prayers***

+ That we may turn to God’s goodness, seeking justice, rescuing the oppressed, defending the orphan, pleading for the widow, and visiting the prisoner; Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

+ That faith may abound in the Church, as we proclaim with conviction the Paschal mystery and the hope that breaks through every darkness; Lord, in your mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

+ That we may not be possessed by our possessions, but discern what must be left behind if we are to follow God's call to a new and better life; Lord, in your mercy,  
***Hear our prayer.***

+ For joyful generosity, that we may participate in God's gift of abundance, securing the mission of the Church, and bequeathing to future generations the beauty of art and music that are treasures of our tradition; Lord, in your mercy,  
***Hear our prayer.***

+ In thanksgiving for those who have sold possessions, and given up their former lives to follow Christ in mission fields throughout the world, or among the needy in our own cities and rural areas; Lord, in your mercy,  
***Hear our prayer.***

+ For those who are sick or suffering, that our actions may bring them peace and comfort, remembering especially Kathy Coe, Bishop Keith, and Diana Hardee; Lord, in your mercy,  
***Hear our prayer.***

+ For those who have died, but whose actions in their earthly life prepared the way for the gifts we now enjoy; Lord, in your mercy,  
***Hear our prayer.***

Lord, in your mercy, hear us as we continue our offerings and prayers, either silently in our hearts, or aloud in our midst.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the confession*

***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 Priest, stands and says*



May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his 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.***

## 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 Hymn # 380      *From All That Dwell Below The Skies*

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - every tongue!  
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
*People*        ***And also with you.***  
*Celebrant*   Lift up your hearts.  
*People*        ***We lift them to the Lord.***  
*Celebrant*   Let us give thanks to the Lord God.  
*People*        ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

**Sanctus        S # 130**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

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

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

***We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*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*

*Those wishing to receive Communion should come forward to the Altar rail as directed. The Celebrant will intinct the wafer in the chalice and place the consecrated host in the open hands or upon the tongue of the communicant, as desired.*

### **Communion Hymn #**

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious  
2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou  
3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound  
4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,  
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give  
 and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now  
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

*Refrain*

of thy bound - less love the to - ken.  
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me.  
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing. Thou didst give thy -  
 of thy match - less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

for online worshippers, and for those who for other reasons choose not to receive the Holy Eucharist, here is a 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.*

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

***Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of***

***the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

*The Priest gives the blessing (from St. Clare of Assisi)*

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. ***Amen.***

**Closing Hymn # 390**     *Praise To The Lord, The Almighty*

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
join the great throng,  
psaltery, organ, and song,  
sounding in glad adoration.***

***Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:  
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen  
how all thou needest hath been  
granted in what he ordaineth?***

***Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.***

***Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen  
sound from his people again;  
gladly for ever adore him.***

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**Organ Postlude**

**Worship Ministers Today:**

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, *Celebrant*

Tom Brand, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Emily D'Souza, *Assisting Organist*

Tom Hollinger, *8:00 Reader*

Sara Coles, *10:00 Reader*

MB Witt, *Chalicer*

n/a, *Veejay (VJ)*

Susie McGee, MB Witt: *Altar Guild*

MB Witt, Sara Coles, *Coffee Hour*

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