

Welcome to St. John's Church



The Second Sunday Of Easter:

Saturday, April 15, 2023

5:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Masks are optional in the church, but available if desired.

Children's activity bags are available on the bench by the Baptistry.

Please return them after the Service.

*There is a furnished children's room downstairs with soft toys and rugs,
and audio of the Service, if parents wish to use it.*

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A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER

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Prelude

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

All stand

Officiant O God, be not far from us.

People ***Come quickly to help us, O God.***

Officiant and People

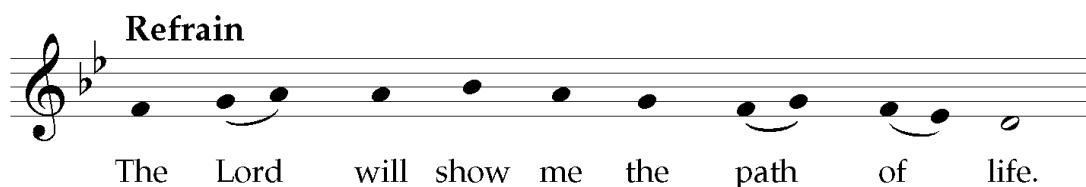
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Opening Hymn # 711 *Seek Ye First The Kingdom Of God*

*1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you: Allelu, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!*

*2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find, knock,
and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!*

Psalm 16 *the congregation is invited to join in the Refrain*



1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Readings

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter stood with the eleven apostles and spoke in a loud and clear voice to the crowd: Friends and everyone else living in Jerusalem, listen carefully to what I have to say! Now, listen to what I have to say about Jesus from Nazareth. God proved he sent Jesus to you by having him work miracles, wonders, and signs. All of you know this. God had already planned and decided that Jesus would be handed over to you. So you took him and had evil men put him to death on a cross. But God set him free from death and raised him to life. Death could not hold him in its power. What David said are really the words of Jesus, “I always see the Lord near me, and I will not be afraid with him at my right side. Because of this, my heart will be glad, my words will be joyful, and I will live in hope. The Lord won't leave me in the grave. I am his holy one, and he won't let my body decay. He has shown me the path to life, and he makes me glad by being near me.” My friends, it is right for me to speak to you about our ancestor David. He died and was buried, and his tomb is still here. But David was a prophet, and he knew that God had made a promise he would not break. He had told David someone from his own family would someday be king. David knew this would happen, and so he told us Christ would be raised to life. He said God would not leave him in the grave or let his body decay. All of us can tell you that God has raised Jesus to life!

After each Reading, the Reader may say

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

Canticle

Nunc Dimittis

Christopher Tye (c. 1505-c. 1573)

*Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.
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.*

A Reading from the Gospel of John

The disciples of Jesus were afraid of the Jewish leaders, and on the evening of that same Sunday they locked themselves in a room. Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of the group. He greeted them and showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they became very happy. After Jesus had greeted them again, he said, "I am sending you, just as the Father has sent me." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they will be forgiven. But if you don't forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven." Although Thomas the Twin was one of the twelve disciples, he wasn't with the others when Jesus appeared to them. So they told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But Thomas said, "First, I must see the nail scars in his hands and touch them with my finger. I must put my hand where the spear went into his side. I won't believe unless I do this!" A week later the disciples were together again. This time, Thomas was with them. Jesus came in while the doors were still locked and stood in the middle of the group. He greeted his disciples²⁷ and said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands! Put your hand into my side. Stop doubting and have faith!" Thomas replied, "You are my Lord and my God!" Jesus said, "Thomas, do you have faith because you have seen me? The people who have faith in me without seeing me are the ones who are really blessed!" Jesus worked many other miracles for his disciples, and not all of them are written in this book. But these are written so that you will put your faith in Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God. If you have faith in him, you will have true life.

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A Homily

Ann Hodgman, 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 Anthem

Shout Halleluia!

Tom Brand

During the singing of this anthem, an offering will be taken to support the work and ministries of St. John's. Please be generous in your support.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

***Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Officiant: May Almighty God grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, but also time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of God's holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn

This Little Light Of Mine

This lit - tle light of mine
Ev - 'ry - where I go_

I'm gon-na let it shine!
I'm gon-na let it shine!

Gon-na let it shine! Gon-na let it

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This lit - tle light of mine
Ev - 'ry - where I go_

I'm gon-na let it shine!
I'm gon-na let it shine!

shine! Gon-na let it shine, shine, I'm gon-na let it

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This lit - tle light of mine
Ev - 'ry - where I go_

I'm gon-na let it shine!
I'm gon-na let it shine!

shine! Gon-na let it shine, shine, shine,

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

*African-American Spiritual, arranged by Tom Brand
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Concluding Sentence

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** (Ephesians 3:20,21)

Postlude

Worship Ministers Today:

Laura Daly, *Officiant*

Ann Hodgman, *Preacher*

Tom Brand, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Laura Daly, *Veejay (VJ)*

MB Witt: *Altar Guild, Reception Hostess*

MB Witt: *Ushers*

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