

# Welcome to St. John's Church



## The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

*Sunday, September 17, 2023*  
*10:00 a.m.*

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

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*There is a Reception for all  
in the Parish Hall, following the Service!*

# A SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

*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.*

## Choral Prelude

*Elm City Girls' Choir*

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

*All stand*

### 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!*

*Officiant* O Lord, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

*People* ***And your glory all the day long.***

*Officiant and People*

***Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.***

**Venite** *the congregation is invited to join in the chant*

*Psalm 95:1-7*

*An antiphon may be sung before and after this setting.*

1. O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our  
sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King a-bove all gods. 4. In his hand are all the corners of the earth,  
 and the strength of the hills is his al- so. 5. The sea is his and he made it,  
 and his hands prepared the dry land. 6. O come, let us worship and fall down  
 and kneel before the Lord our Ma- ker. 7. For he is the Lord our God,  
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. 8. O worship  
 the Lord in the beauty of ho- li- ness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
 9. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, and with righteousness to judge  
*(Gloria Patri may be added)*  
 the world and the peo- ples with his truth. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to  
 the Ho- ly Spi- rit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev- er. A- men.

***The congregation may wish to sit for the Psalm***

**Psalm 114**      *the congregation is invited to join the Refrain*

**Refrain**

Trem - ble, O earth, at the pres - ence of the Lord.

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
 the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

## **The Readings**

### **A Reading from the Scroll of Exodus**

All this time God's angel had gone ahead of Israel's army, but now he moved behind them. A large cloud had also gone ahead of them, but now it moved between the Egyptians and the Israelites. The cloud gave light to the Israelites, but made it dark for the Egyptians, and during the night they could not come any closer. Moses stretched his arm over the sea, and the LORD sent a strong east wind that blew all night until there was dry land where the water had been. The sea opened up, and the Israelites walked through on dry land with a wall of water on each side. The Egyptian chariots and cavalry went after them. But before daylight the LORD looked down at the Egyptian army from the fiery cloud and made them panic. Their chariot wheels got stuck, and it was hard for them to move. So the Egyptians said to one another, "Let's leave these people alone! The LORD is on their side and is fighting against us." The LORD told Moses, "Stretch your arm toward the sea—the water will cover the Egyptians and their cavalry and chariots." Moses stretched out his arm, and at daybreak the water rushed toward the Egyptians. They tried to run away, but the LORD drowned them in the sea. The water came and covered the chariots, the cavalry, and the whole Egyptian army that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them was left alive. But the sea had made a wall of water on each side of the Israelites, so they walked through on dry land. On that day, when the Israelites saw the bodies of the Egyptians washed up on the shore, they knew that the LORD had saved them. Because of the mighty power he had used against the Egyptians, the Israelites worshiped him and trusted him and his servant Moses.

After each Reading, the Reader may say  
 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
 People **Thanks be to God.**

**LEVAS # 120** *Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!*

1. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!  
 2. I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter,

1. — Since I laid my bur - den down.  
 2. — Since I laid my bur - den down,

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## **A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew**

Peter came up to the Lord and asked, "How many times should I forgive someone who does something wrong to me? Is seven times enough?" Jesus answered: Not just 7 times, but 77 times! This story will show you what the kingdom of heaven is like: One day a king decided to call in his officials and ask them to give an account of what they owed him. As he was doing this, one official was brought in who owed him 50,000,000 silver coins. But he didn't have any money to pay what he owed. The king ordered him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all he owned, in order to pay the debt. The official got down on his knees and began begging, "Have pity on me, and I will pay you every cent I owe!" The king felt sorry for him and let him go free. He even told the official that he did not have to pay back the money. But as this official was leaving, he happened to meet another official, who owed him 100 silver coins. So he grabbed the man by the throat. He started choking him and said, "Pay me what you owe!" The man got down on his knees and began begging, "Have pity on me, and I will pay you back." But the first official refused to have pity. Instead, he went and had the other official put in jail until he could pay what he owed. When some other officials found out what had happened, they felt sorry for the man who had been put in jail. Then they told the king what had happened. The king called the first official back in and said, "You're an evil man! When you begged for mercy, I said you did not have to pay back a cent. Don't you think you should show pity to someone else, as I did to you?" The king was so angry that he ordered the official to be tortured until he could pay back everything he owed. That is how my Father in heaven will treat you, if you don't forgive each of my followers with all your heart.

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

*People            Thanks be to God.*

## **A Children's Homily**

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman

### **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**    *We Are Marching in the Light of Peace*  
(Siyahamba) - South African

*A collection to support the life and ministry of the parish will be taken at this time*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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 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!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. The first system has two staves (treble and bass clef) with lyrics underneath. The second system is marked with a '3' and has two staves with lyrics. The third system is marked with a '5' and has two staves with lyrics. The fourth system has two staves with lyrics. The music is in a key with three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the bass line and chords in the treble line.

*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:**

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, *Officiant*

Tom Brand, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Paige Del Nin, M.J. Del Nin: *Readers*

Joseph Claro: *VeeJay*

Corrine Johnson, MB Witt: *Altar Guild*

David & Camille Gillespie: *Reception Hosts*

Bob Futh, Natalie Dyer: *Ushers*

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**Vestry**

Mary Davis, Jay Bauer: *Wardens*

David Gillespie: *Treasurer*

Andris Kalnins: *Assistant Treasurer*

Laura Daly: *Clerk*

*Class of 2023*

Laura Daly, Veronique Dulack, Joseph Claro

*Class of 2024*

Rebecca Bent, Michael Del Nin, Susan McFeely

*Class of 2025*

Worth Bracken, Sara Coles, Andris Kalnins

**Diocesan Delegates:** Sara Coles, MB Witt

Laura Daly: **Alternate**

# Meditation 101

*Introduction to the basics of meditation*

**Acquire Skills, Ask Questions, Connect with Others**



**Saturday, October 14, 2023**

**1:00-2:30 p.m. in the Parish Library**

**St John's Church, 78 Green Hill Road, Washington CT.**

**Cost: \$40.00**

*To Register or for more information  
contact Marion Williams at 917-605-0547,  
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This introductory 90-minute group will include an overview of a variety of meditation techniques. Designed for those who may have experienced difficulty sitting in silence in the past, and desire to learn simple meditation techniques to manage stress, this experiential session will hold space to share about experiences with meditation, ask questions, and learn with like-minded individuals.

*Marion Williams is a board-certified licensed counselor in the State of Connecticut, a Pastoral Counselor, and Expressive Arts Therapist.*

# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 P.M.**

*St. John's Episcopal Church  
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An Offering to benefit the Animal Welfare Society of New Milford will be collected. Everyone is asked to bring dog and cat food, or gently used pet goods like soft-sided carriers, all sizes of crates, pet ramps and steps, feeding bowls, leashes, collars, grooming tools, clothing, etc.