

Welcome to St. John's Church



The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost:

October 22, 2023

4:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Worship Ministers Today:

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, *Priest-in-charge*

Tom Brand, *Organist & Choir Master*

Worth Bracken: *Reader*

Laura Daly, *Veejay (VJ)*

MB Witt, Sara Coles: *Altar Guild*

Natalie Dyer, Bob Futh: *Ushers*

EVENSONG

Choral Prelude *Abendlied*

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Translation: "Bide with us, for evening shadows darken, and the day will soon be over."


The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Processional Hymn # 662

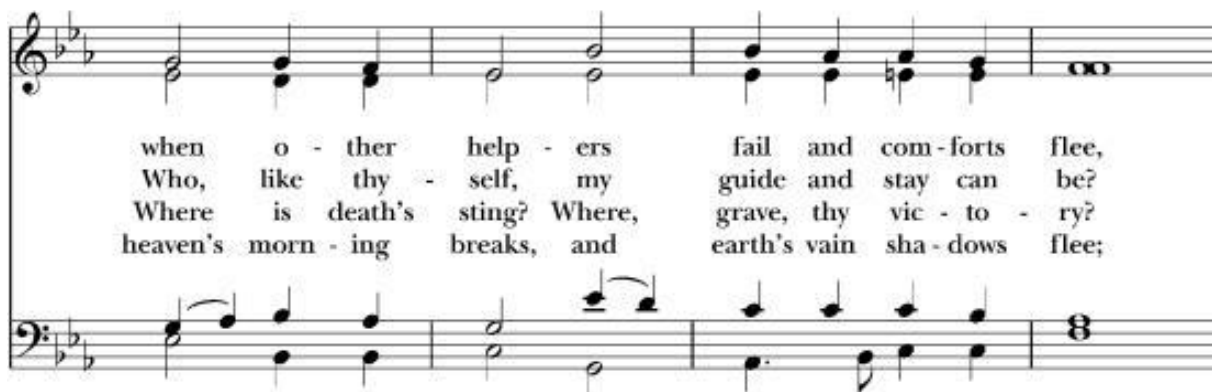
Abide With Me



1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help-less, O a-bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun-shine, Lord, a-bide with me.
 I tri-umph still, if thou a-bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a-bide with me.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Preces & Responses

William Smith (1603-1645)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir *And our mouths shall shew forth thy praise.*

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

Officiant and Choir

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

Hymn # 26 O Gracious Light

1 *(women only) O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ,
 in you the Father's glory shone.*

*Immortal, holy, blest is he,
 and blest are you, his holy Son.*

2 *(men only) Now sunset comes, but light shines forth,
 the lamps are lit to pierce the night.*

*Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God
 who dwells in the eternal light.*

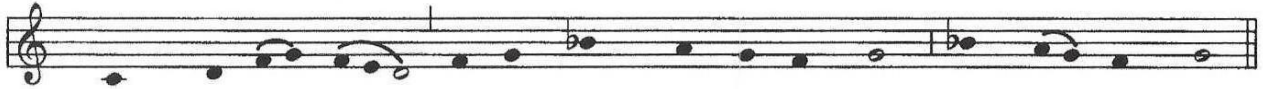
3 *(all) Worthy are you of endless praise,
 O Son of God, Life-giving Lord;
 wherefore you are through all the earth
 and in the highest heaven adored.*

The congregation may be seated for the Psalm.

Psalm # 114

from the Plainsong Psalter

On other Sundays and Weekdays



Trem - ble, O earth, at the pres - ence of the Lord, hal - le - lu - jah.

- 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 Lessons

INTRODUCTION: In our Hebrew Bible reading, the prophet Jeremiah offers some surprising counsel from Jerusalem to the elders, priests, and prophets now in exile in Babylon.

A Reading from the Scroll of the Prophet Jeremiah (29:1, 4-14)

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. It said: Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the LORD of

hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to your dreams that you dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the LORD. For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

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

The Song of Mary *Magnificat Terti Toni*

Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

Translation:

My soul doth magnify the Lord.

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded:

the lowliness of his handmaiden:

For behold, from henceforth:

all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me:

and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him:

throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm:

he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat:

and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things:

and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:

as he promised to our forefathers,

Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

INTRODUCTION: The second reading relates how Paul and his companions are called by a vision to journey to Macedonia and the city of Philippi, where a merchant named Lydia becomes the first European to be baptized.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (16:6-15)

Paul and Timothy went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

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

The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*

Nunc Dimittis Evening Service op. 36

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, **
according to thy word;

*For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, **
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
*To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, **
and to be the glory of thy 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

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

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

The Prayers

The Officiant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

Choir **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant **Let us pray.**

Choir **Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy**

***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 Suffrages

Preces & Responses

William Smith (1603-1645)

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

R. *And grant us thy salvation.*

V. O Lord, save the State.

R. *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

R. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

V. O Lord, save thy people

R. *And bless thine inheritance.*

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

R. *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R. *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

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.**

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. **Amen.**

Offertory Anthem *How Calmly the Evening* Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

*Text: How calmly the evening once more is descending,
As kind as a promise, as still as a prayer;
O wing of the Lord, in Thy shelter befriending,
May we and our households continue to share.*

*We come to be soothed with Thy merciful healing;
The dews of the night cure the wounds of the day;
We come, our life's work and its brevity feeling,
With thanks for the past, for the future we pray.*

Lord, save us from folly; be with us in sorrow;

*Sustain us in work till the time of our rest;
When earth's day is over, may heaven's tomorrow
Dawn on us, of homes long expected possess.*

***An offering for the St. John's Music Program will be taken during this anthem,
please be generous in your support.***

Final Prayers

said by the priest at the High Altar

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. ***Amen.***

Final Blessing

The peace of God, which passes 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 amongst you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Recessional Hymn # 24

The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended

1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed, the dark - ness
2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls
3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads
4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud

falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -
 on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is
 on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er
 em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for

scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
 keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night.
 si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
 ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

Organ Postlude:

Eventide Variations (Improvisation)

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Diocesan Delegates: Sara Coles, MB Witt, Alternate: Laura Daly

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FAMILY SERVICE

at St. John's
this Fall, 2023



An informal, child-friendly service for the whole family!

On Sunday mornings, once a month

Sunday, November 19th at 10:00 a.m.

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TRADITIONAL NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

**SUNDAY
December 17, 2023
4:00 p.m.**

Open to the public

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