

# Welcome to St. John's Church



**The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost:**

***SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023***

***10:00 a.m.***

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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# HOLY COMUNION

*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.*

**Prelude**      *All People, Clap Your Hands*      Thomas Weelkes (1573-1623)

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

**Opening Hymn # 433**      *We Gather Together To Ask the Lord's Blessing*

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;  
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;  
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the final three lines. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff of each system.

sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own,  
 thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!  
 thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

## The Word of God

*Celebrant* Blessed be our God.  
*People* ***For ever and ever. 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 Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.  
*People* ***And also with you.***  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## The Readings

### **A Reading from the Scroll of the Prophet Jeremiah (29:1, 4-7)**

The prophet Jeremiah sent a letter from Jerusalem to the few surviving elders among the exiles, to the priests and the prophets, and to all the people Nebuchadnezzar had taken to Babylon from Jerusalem. The LORD of heavenly forces, the God of Israel, proclaims to all the exiles I have carried off from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and settle down; cultivate gardens and eat what they produce. Get married and have children; then help your sons find wives and your daughters find husbands in order that they too may have children. Increase in number there so that you don't dwindle away. Promote the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because your future depends on its welfare.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

Hear what God is saying to God's people.

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

**Psalm 99**        *the congregation is invited to stand and sing the Psalm*

- 1. The Lord God reigns enthroned above**  
*The cherubim in glorious might;  
In Zion God is great; let all  
The nations tremble at the sight.*
- 2. You are the Holy One, O Lord;**  
*Your Name is great, let all confess:  
"Lover of justice, mighty one,  
You have established righteousness."*
- 3. We will proclaim your majesty**  
*And worship you, the Holy Lord;  
For Moses, Aaron, Samuel, too,  
Once called on you and heard your word.*
- 4. Out of the cloud you spoke to them;**  
*They kept your law and your decrees.  
O Lord, you answered and forgave,  
Yet punished all their evil deeds.*
- 5. Proclaim God's greatness and bow down,**  
*And worship on God's holy hill;  
You are the Lord, our sovereign God,  
The Holy One, our Savior still..*

*Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

### **A Reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew (22:15-22)**

The Pharisees got together and planned how they could trick Jesus into saying something wrong. They sent some of their followers and some of Herod's followers to say to him, "Teacher, we know that you are honest. You teach the truth about what God wants people to do. And you treat everyone with the same respect, no matter who they are. Tell us what you think! Should we pay taxes to the Emperor or not?" Jesus knew their evil thoughts and said, "Why are you trying to test me? You show-offs! Let me see one of the coins used for paying taxes." They brought him a silver coin, and he asked, "Whose picture and name are on it?" "The Emperor's," they answered. Then Jesus told them, "Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God." <sup>22</sup> His answer surprised them so much that they walked away.

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### **A Children's Homily**

Fr. Geoffrey, Priest-in-Charge

*The children are invited to come forward and sit on the chancel steps for the homily.*

### **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**

*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.

*Silence*

*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.

*Silence*

*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.

*Silence*

*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.

*Silence may be kept.*

*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.*

## **The Peace**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of God be always with you.

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

## **The Holy Communion**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

**Offertory Anthem** *I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy!* George W. Cooke (1884-1951)

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them to God.***

*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*

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us together into one body. Through your Spirit, you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

**Sanctus:**

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

Tom Brand

*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*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, 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 S # 154**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
 there - fore let us keep the feast.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for you, the Beloved 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*

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *Those wishing to receive Communion should come forward to the Altar rail as directed. Please speak with an Usher if you need to receive Communion in the pew. The consecrated host will be placed in the hands of the recipient. If they wish intinction, then the chalice bearer will take the host and dip it in the wine for them. Otherwise, communicants may sip from the chalice, assisting by taking hold of its base. If the*

*communicant does not wish to receive the wine, one can simply cross their arms across their chest so to indicate.*

*Gluten free wafers are available. Just ask at the altar rail if you wish one.*

**Communion Hymn # 325**      *Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees*

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*  
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; \_\_\_\_\_

*Refrain*  
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. \_\_\_\_\_

Let us pray.

The People join in saying this prayer

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing

May 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.**

**Closing Hymn LEVAS # 221**

*This Little Light Of Mine*

1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it  
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it  
3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon - na let it

Oh

1. shine, This lit - tle light of mine,  
2. shine, Ev - 'ry - where I go,  
3. shine, Je - sus gave it to me,

Oh

1. I'm gon - na let it shine; This lit - tle light of  
2. I'm gon - na let it shine; Ev - 'ry - where I  
3. I'm gon - na let it shine; Je - sus gave it to

Oh

1. mine, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm gon - na let it shine, \_\_\_\_\_ Let it  
 2. go, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm gon - na let it shine, \_\_\_\_\_ Let it  
 3. me, \_\_\_\_\_ I'm gon - na let it shine, \_\_\_\_\_ Let it

Oh \_\_\_\_\_

1. shine, let it shine, let it shine. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. shine, let it shine, let it shine. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. shine, let it shine, let it shine. \_\_\_\_\_

Let us bless the Lord.

*People*

***Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude**

**Worship Ministers Today:**

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The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman: *Celebrant*

Tom Brand: *Organist & Choirmaster*

Paige Del Nin: *10:00 Reader*

MB Witt: *Chalicer*

Laura Daly: *VeeJay*

MB Witt, Sara Coles: *Altar Guild*

Bob Futh, Natalie Dyer: *Ushers/Greeters*



***This afternoon, Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.***