Welcome to St. John's Church



The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost:

October 29, 2023 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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MORNING PRAYER

Organ Prelude Thou, Lord, Our Refuge Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell



6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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

Venite S # 4 Monk



- O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *

 let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our sal vation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanks giving, * and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. [Ant.]
- 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 also.
- 5 The sea is his and he made it, *
 and his hands pre pared the dry land. [Ant.]
- 6 O come, let us worship and fäll down * and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is the Lord our God, *
 and we are the people of his pasture
 and the sheep of his hand. [Ant.]
- 8 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; ** 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 the world and the peoples with his truth. [Ant.]

(Gloria Patri may be added)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the be ginning, is now, * and will be for ever. A' men. [Ant.]

The congregation may wish to sit for the Psalm

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

the congregation is invited to join in the Refrain



We shall re-joice all the days of our lives.

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge * from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, * from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, * "Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past * and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; * we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; * in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? * be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; * so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works * and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; * prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

The Readings

INTRODUCTION: Our Hebrew scripture is the story of Moses surveying the Promised Land from Mount Nebo.

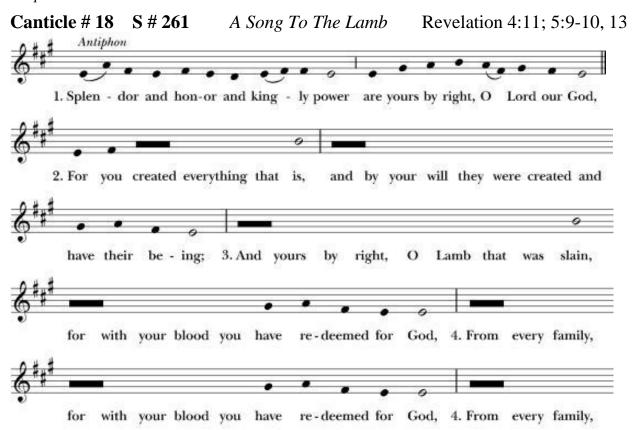
A Reading from the Scroll of Deuteronomy: (34:1-12)

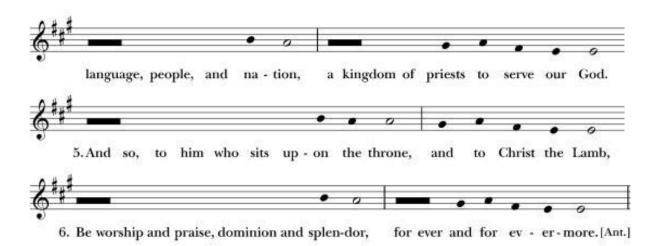
Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, "This is the

land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Bethpeor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.





INTRODUCTION: In this second reading, Paul recalls his first visit to the Thessalonians, the troubles he endured, and the straightforward and gentle way in which he presented the gospel.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians: (2:1-8)

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

After each Reading, the Reader may say
The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



INTRODUCTION: In our third Reading, Jesus presents the double commandment of love for God and neighbor.

A Reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew: (22:34-46)

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

Laura Daly, 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.

The Prayers

Officiant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. Let your people sing with you.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you

command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

A Collect for Sunday

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our own hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love you: for the honor of your Name. *Amen*.

Offertory Anthem

O Lord, Increase Our Faith

Henry Loosemore (c. 1600-1670)

An offering to God will be collected during the singing of this hymn.

Officiant: Let us continue our prayers, pausing now so that all may add their own prayers or petitions, either silently in their hearts or aloud in our midst.

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

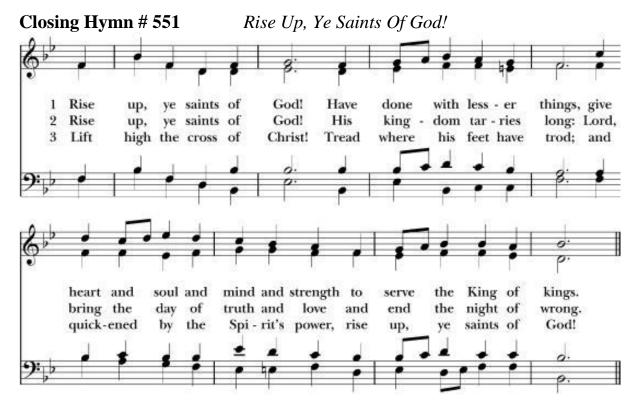
A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen*.

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.



The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen*. 2 Corinthians 13:14

Organ Postlude

Worship Ministers Today:

Tom Hollinger: 8:00 Officiant Rebecca Bent: 10:00 Officiant

Tom Brand: Organist & Choirmaster

Laura Daly: *Preacher*John Magee: 8:00 Reader
Holly Flor: 10:00 Reader
Laura Daly: Veejay (VJ)

Sara Coles, MB Witt: *Altar Guild* Natalie Dyer, Bob Futh: *Ushers*

Veronique Dulack, Emily Fitzhugh: Coffee Host

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