

# Welcome to St. John's Church



*Guillaume Courtois, "David and Goliath," 1650-1660*

## The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:

*June 23, 2024*

*8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*

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

**78 Green Hill Road  
Washington, CT 06793**

**Parish Office Telephone:** (860) 868-2527

**Parish Office Hours:** *Wednesdays and Fridays*, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**St. John's Email:** [stjohnschurch@snet.net](mailto:stjohnschurch@snet.net)

**St. John's Website:** <http://stjohnswashington.com/>

**St. John's YouTube Page:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoOwTnqlRss4BT8VwFul4qg>

# MORNING PRAYER

## Choral Prelude

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

## Opening Hymn # 391

*Before the Lord's Eternal Throne*

1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye  
2 His sov - ereign Power with - out our aid formed  
3 We are his peo - ple, we his care, our  
4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high  
5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is  
2 us of clay and gave us breath; and when like wan - dering  
3 souls, and all our mor - tal frame: what last - ing hon - ors  
4 as the heavens our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten  
5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.  
2 sheep we strayed, he saved us from the power of death.  
3 shall we rear, al - might - y Ma - ker, to thy Name?  
4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.  
5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O Lord, open our lips.

*People* *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

*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.*

**Canticle: The Venite**                      *Psalm 95:1-7*                      *(sung together in unison)*

*Come, let us sing to God on high,  
The Rock of our salvation praise;  
Come with thanksgiving to his courts  
And joyful psalms before him raise.*

*For God is Lord above all gods,  
The heights and depths are in his hand;  
He made the sea and it is his,  
His hands have molded the dry land.*

*Let us bow down and worship him  
Who is our maker and our Lord;  
We are his people and his sheep;  
Today, then, hearken to his Word.*

**Psalm # 9:9-20**

*the congregation is invited to join in reciting the Psalm*

*9 The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed, \*  
a refuge in time of trouble.*

*10 Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, \*  
for you never forsake those who seek you, O LORD.*

*11 Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion; \*  
proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.*

*12 The Avenger of blood will remember them; \*  
he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.*

*13 Have pity on me, O LORD; \*  
see the misery I suffer from those who hate me,  
O you who lift me up from the gate of death;*

*14 So that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation \*  
in the gates of the city of Zion.*

*15 The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, \*  
and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.*

*16 The LORD is known by his acts of justice; \*  
the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.*

*17 The wicked shall be given over to the grave, \*  
and also all the peoples that forget God.*

*18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, \*  
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.*

*19 Rise up, O LORD, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; \*  
let them be judged before you.*

*20 Put fear upon them, O LORD; \*  
let the ungodly know they are but mortal.*

## **The Readings**

*INTRODUCTION: In our Old Testament reading we hear the story of David and Goliath.*

### **A Reading from the First Book of Samuel: (8:26-40)**

The Philistines gathered their armies for battle. And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together." When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid. Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. David rose early in the morning, left the sheep with a keeper, took the provisions, and went as Jesse had commanded him. He came to the encampment as the army was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers. As he talked with them, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came

up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him. David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you!" Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine. The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's and he will give you into our hand." When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

***Thanks be to God.***

## Hymn # 609

## Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the  
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed  
3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the  
4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to  
5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of  
2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the  
3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -  
4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less  
5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.  
2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.  
3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.  
4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;  
5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

*INTRODUCTION: In this second reading Paul continues to commend himself, together with the ministry of his coworkers, to the troubled Corinthian church.*

### **A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians: (6:1-13)**

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault

may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see-- we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return-- I speak as to children-- open wide your hearts also.

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn # 457**

*Thou Art the Way*

1 Thou art the Way, to thee a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
 2 Thou art the Truth, thy word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
 3 Thou art the Life, the rend - ing tomb pro - claims thy con - quering arm;  
 4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,

and all who would the Fa - ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.  
 thou on - ly canst in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
 and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.  
 that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

*INTRODUCTION: Our third Reading is the story of Jesus stilling the storm.*

**A Reading from the Gospel of St. Mark: (4:35-41)**

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves

beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

## **The Sermon**

Laura Daly, *Licensed Lay 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* The Lord 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. Help us, O God our Savior;  
R. *Deliver us and forgive us our sins.*  
V. Look upon your congregation;  
R. *Give to your people the blessing of peace.*  
V. Declare your glory among the nations;  
R. *And your wonders among all peoples.*  
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;  
R. *Never forget the lives of your poor.*  
V. Continue your loving kindness to those who know you;  
R. *And your favor to those who are true of heart.*  
V. Satisfy us by your kindness in the morning;  
R. *So we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.*

### **The Collect of the Day**

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our own hands in love, may bring

those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love thee: for the honor of thy Name. *Amen.*

### Offertory Hymn # 380

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*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 thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### Closing Hymn # 660

### *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with four different versions of the text provided for different parts of the hymn.

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,  
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

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

## Postlude

### Worship Ministers Today:

Ann Hodgman: *Licensed Worship Leader*

Tom Brand: *Organist & Choirmaster*

Emily Desouza: *Organist*

Laura Daly: *Licensed Lay Preacher*

Tom Hollinger: *8:00 Reader*

Sara Coles: *10:00 Reader*

Laura Daly: *Veejay (VJ)*

Sara Coles, MB Witt: *Altar Guild*

Veronique Dulack: *Coffee Hour*