

Welcome to St. John's Church



"David and the Ark", Domenico Gargiulo(1612-1675)

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost:

July 14, 2024

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

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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MORNING PRAYER

Choral Prelude

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Opening Hymn # 594

God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise;
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, days, goal, dore, for the fac - ing of this hour, for the liv - ing of these days, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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 # 24

the congregation is invited to join in reciting the Psalm

*1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.*

- 2 *For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.*
- 3 *"Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"*
- 4 *"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.*
- 5 *They shall receive a blessing from the LORD *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."*
- 6 *Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.*
- 7 *Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.*
- 8 *"Who is this King of glory?" *
"The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."*
- 9 *Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.*
- 10 *"Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory."*

The Readings

INTRODUCTION: In our Old Testament reading David brings the Ark of God to Jerusalem.

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel: (6:1-5, 12b-19)

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound

of the trumpet. As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

The Word of the Lord.

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

Hymn # 654 *Day by Day*

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

INTRODUCTION: In this second reading Paul speaks of our inheritance as God's own people.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians: (1:3-14)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in

Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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 - quer - ing 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 the beheading of John the Baptist.

A Reading from the Gospel of St. Mark: (6:14-29)

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Sermon

Ann Hodgman, *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.

The people may wish to be seated

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, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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



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 # 408

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

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:

Laura Daly: *10:00 Licensed Worship Leader*

Tom Hollinger: *10:00 Licensed Worship Leader*

Emily Desouza: *Organist*

Ann Hodgman: *Licensed Lay Preacher*

Jay Bauer: *8:00 Reader*

Justin Ormand: *10:00 Reader*

Ginny Reynolds, MB Witt: *Altar Guild*

MB Witt, Corinne Johnson: *Coffee Hour*



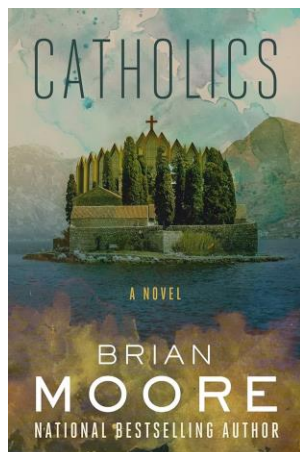
TAG SALE

JULY 20th

9 am - 2 pm

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ST. JOHN'S READING CLUB



CURRENT SELECTION

Brian Moore's "*Catholics: A Novel*"
to gather for a Group Discussion via ZOOM
on Tuesday, July 16th at 11:00 a.m.!

The parable-like *Catholics* is a futuristic tale of ecclesiastical politics and moral questioning. Written in 1972 and set in the near future, it features a world where the Catholic Church has gone beyond Vatican II and has now abandoned almost all its mysteries for a more secular form of worship. Confession, along with the traditional Latin Mass has been banned, in preparation for a merging of Christian and Buddhist faiths. There is, however, resistance from a remote Irish Abbey which continues with the old traditions.