



THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 22, 2021

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
DIVERSE PEOPLE, INQUIRING MINDS, OPEN HEARTS
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WELCOME to the Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist

We are glad you're here! Whether this is your first time worshiping with us or you have been a member for many years, you are invited to participate as fully as you are comfortable.

The Diocesan COVID-19 guidelines now allow for inside worship, although masks still need to be worn and a distance of six feet must be maintained from those of other households. Please refrain from physical contact - hugging or handshaking - even if fully vaccinated. Abiding by these guidelines help protect the vulnerable among us.

Our worship today includes the sacrament of Holy Communion. All who desire to be in communion as the Body of Christ are invited to partake. Guided by ushers, we form a single line to receive the bread, or a blessing; individual glasses of wine are also be available. We ask that you please take the bread and wine to the side table to consume.

At St. John's, we strive to be a welcoming community where strangers easily become friends and where God is worshiped with reverence and joy.



AN AFFIRMATION OF VALUES

We are a dynamic parish of diverse people with open hearts and inquiring minds; at St. John's, lives are transformed by encountering the love of God in community.

- We are radically welcoming, a sanctuary to all who enter this space;
- We seek and serve Christ in all persons, believing that God dwells in each of us;
- We respect the dignity of all people;
- We protect the vulnerable among us – especially our children and elders, the sick, friendless, persecuted, and refugees and immigrants;
- We promote justice and peace in our neighborhood and in the global community;
- We faithfully follow in the footsteps of Jesus, making no peace with oppression and resisting all forms of evil;
- We work to restore the sacred bond between nature and humanity, protecting and celebrating God's glorious creation, this fragile earth, our island home;
- We are a parish community bound together in love and united by the Holy Spirit.

THIS WE AFFIRM

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Please maintain a prayerful atmosphere before the service.
When the bell rings, please stand as you are able.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Soldiers of Christ, arise

HYMNAL 548

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Bless - ed are you, Holy and liv - ing One.

All

You come to your people and set them free.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

HYMNAL S-278

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

1 KINGS 8:22 — 30, 41 — 43

A reading from the first book of Kings.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, “O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, ‘There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

“Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name — for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm — when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.



- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of **hosts!** *
 My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
 my heart and my flesh rejoice **in** the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a **house** †
 and the swallow a nest where she may lay her **young;** *
 by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, **my** King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your **house!** *
 they will **always** be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in **you!** *
 whose hearts are set **on** the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of **springs,** *
 for the early rains have covered it with **pools** of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to **height,** *
 and the God of gods will reveal him-**self** in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my **prayer;** *
 hearken, O **God** of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O **God;** *
 and look upon the face of **your** Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own **room,** *
 and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
 than to dwell in the **tents of the** wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and **shield;** *
 he will give **grace** and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord with-**hold** *
 from those who walk **with** integrity.

12 O Lord of **hosts**, *

happy are they who **put** their trust in you!

THE EPISTLE

EPHESIANS 6:10—20

A Reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *All stand for the Gospel procession.*



Verse

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
and enlighten them with the fire of your love.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. †
Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

All stand as they are able to say together,

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
Who with the Father and Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

WELCOMING OUR NEW VICAR

Sr. Warden Dear friends, after prayerful consideration, The Reverend Kevin Neil has been enthusiastically chosen by the Wardens and the Bishop's Committee, and approved by Bishop Marc, to be the next Vicar of St. John's.

Jr. Warden Kevin, we thank you for graciously accepting the call to serve as our rock and our shepherd in this new era in the life of our congregation.

People **Kevin it is with gratitude and hope that we embrace your presence among us.**

Annalise is invited to join Kevin.

*Observing COVID precautions, the people are invited to come forward,
as they are comfortable for the laying on of hands;
those on Zoom may reach out virtually.*

Deacon As we welcome him into our midst, let us ask for God's blessings on Kevin and Annalise, and upon the ministry we will do together in Christ's name.

*The people in the church and on Zoom
may offer their prayers and thanksgivings*

Deacon Loving God, creator and sanctifier of all,
we thank you for sending Kevin and Annalise to be among us;
may your spirit of love and redemption continue to flourish in our midst.
We ask that you empower Kevin with your Holy Spirit;
that his preaching and teaching may show forth your living presence,
that his counsel may be blessed with wisdom and insight,
and that our work together in the neighborhood may bear witness to the light and love
of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The people return to their places for the Prayers of the People

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

Intercessor O God, enliven the Church for its mission.

People **That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Intercessor Breathe life anew into your people.

People **We welcome Kevin, our new Vicar, and Annalise; together may we reveal Christ's love in word and action.**

Lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

That all may act with integrity and courage.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for: **Andy** (Frost), **Bonita** (Palmer), **Barbara** (Brandon), **Ricky** (Abisla), **Dietrich-Kazian Family**, **Richard** (Stillwell), **Susan** (Palmer Love), **Don** (Alvarez), **Shamus** (Roller), **Valentina** (Maldonado), **Sr. Maggie** (Smith), **Sr. Pamela**, **Steve** (Walker), **Suzana** (Seban), **Bev** (Wells), **Alan** (Fisher), **Ellen** (Eatough), **William** (Stewart), **Danielle** (Weyenth), **Hilda & Joshua**, **Michael** (Locicero), **Liselotte & Tom** (Tiemensma/Newton), **Antonio** (Carmen's son), **Dan** (Reardon), and for those we now name ...

May they know the power of your healing love.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died †: **Teresa** (Chan), **Jan** (Canfield), **Cecil** (Forbes), **Marilyn** (Lumsdon), **Marjorie** (Adams), and those we now name...

O God, into your hands we commend them.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in restoring brokenness to wholeness.

I invite you to share your particular prayers and thanksgivings for your families, this parish, and the world.

The people in the church and on Zoom may offer their petitions

Presider These things, O God, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake.
Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon God's warm and generous invitation leads us to confess our faults and folly.
Let us pray.

Holy Friend, because we did not create ourselves, because we do not understand ourselves, because we cannot reconcile ourselves, we come to you for Divine help.

All **Merciful God, Creator and Redeemer, you know us completely and love us utterly. There is not a thought or feeling, word, action, memory or hope, that you do not see and understand. Please forgive our sins and remove our shame, heal our dis-eases and redress our distortions, reinforce our faith and enlarge our love. Let all that is true, beautiful and compassionate find a new lease of life in our character. For your name's sake. Amen.**

Presider It is written: Christ Jesus did not arrive in this world to condemn us, but that the world through him might be rescued and healed. His word gives me the confidence to declare to you, my friends, the forgiveness of sins and the liberty of the children of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full,

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you."

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. John the Evangelist, all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

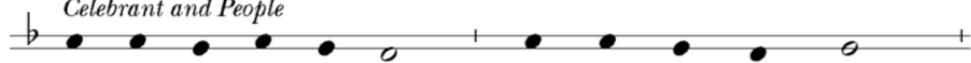
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant

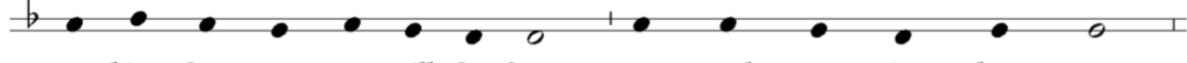


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



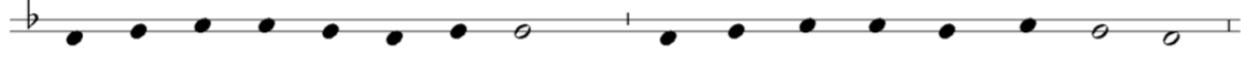
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Presider breaks the bread

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
All **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

AGNUS DEI

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on_ us. Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have
mer-cy on_ us. Je-sus, re-deemer, re-deemer of the world: give us your
peace, give_ us your peace.

The Presider invites the people to Communion saying:

Presider These are the gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*At the direction of the ushers, individuals and household groups may proceed to the altar. **Bread and wine are to be consumed only at the side table.** After receiving the bread, you may take a glass of wine from the tray held by the Deacon. Please move to the side table to consume the sacrament and return your glass. For the security of your belongings, please bring them up with you as you receive communion.*

GLUTEN-FREE BREAD IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I ask you to feed me with the manna of your Holy Spirit and nourish me with your Holy presence. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Christ Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

COMMUNION HYMN

Be thou my vision

HYMNAL 488

SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Creator God, may we who have been strengthened by this sacrament, strengthen those in weakness. We who have been fed, feed those in hunger. We who have been welcomed, welcome others. We who have been seen and known, see and know the needs of others. Give us your grace to respond always in loving service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

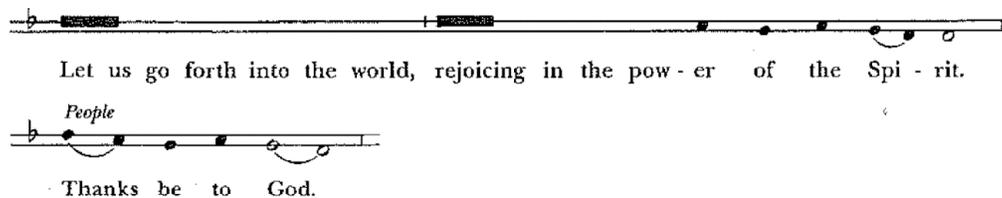
May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds full of hope and joy; And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Earth and all stars

HYMNAL 412

THE DISMISSAL



Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the pow - er of the Spi - rit.

People

Thanks be to God.

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Holy Eucharist • Sunday 10:15 am

Gubbio Project • Monday – Friday 7:00 am – 2:00 pm

Julian Pantry • Saturday 9:00 – 11:00 am

