

# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II — 10:15 A.M.  
SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022

### THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Welcome to St. John's! We invite you to help create the experience of silence before our service. Our hope is to calm our hearts as we prepare to enter into an intensity of shared presence.*

**Prelude**      **Auf meinen lieben Gott**      **Johann Kuhnau**

*All rise at the sound of the church bell.*

**Hymn**      **Christ is made the sure foundation**      **Blue Hymnal 518**

*Presider*      Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People*      **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Glory to God**      **Blue Hymnal S-280**

### The Collect of the Day

*Presider*      God be with you

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Presider*      Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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

*You may be seated.*

**The First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14**

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty

men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

**Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20**

**BCP p. 693**

1 I will cry aloud to God; \*

I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.

**2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; \***

**my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire;**

**I refused to be comforted.**

11 I will remember the works of the Lord, \*

and call to mind your wonders of old time.

**12 I will meditate on all your acts \***

**and ponder your mighty deeds.**

13 Your way, O God, is holy; \*

who is so great a god as our God?

**14 You are the God who works wonders \***

**and have declared your power among the peoples.**

15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, \*

the children of Jacob and Joseph.

**16 The waters saw you, O God;**

**the waters saw you and trembled; \***

**the very depths were shaken.**

17 The clouds poured out water;  
the skies thundered; \*  
your arrows flashed to and fro;

**18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;  
your lightnings lit up the world; \*  
the earth trembled and shook.**

19 Your way was in the sea,  
and your paths in the great waters, \*  
yet your footsteps were not seen.

**20 You led your people like a flock \*  
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

### **The Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1,13-25**

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

**Hymn Day by day**

**Blue Hymnal 654**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 9:51-62, *standing***

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans

to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. Carolyn J. Sharp**

*Silence and stillness are kept after the sermon.*

### **The Nicene Creed, *standing***

**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 man.**

**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 and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**

**He 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.**

**Prayers of the People, *standing***

*Intercessor* Lord Jesus, we pray that our faith may increase along with the bonds of our church community. By coming together at this time and with unified voices, we ask you to hear our prayers and lift up our hearts as we name aloud our fervent desires:

For the church throughout the world, that its work will inspire humility, holiness, and hopefulness. We ask this in your name.

*People* **Hear us, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* For our neighbors living in loneliness, distress, and fear, restore them to happiness, health, and contentment. We ask this in your name.

*People* **Hear us, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* For the people of Ukraine, and for all those affected by war and violence, give them courage and strength to face their challenges. We ask this in your name.

*People* **Hear us, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* For the human family, give us kindness, patience and understanding as we go forward, day by day. We ask this in your name.

*People* **Hear us, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* For the Connecticut River, Eight Mile River, Long Island Sound, and for our estuaries, lakes, and tidal pools. We thank God for their beauty and ask that all who work or play within them are safe and use these waters responsibly. We ask this in your name.

*People* **Hear us, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* For the businesses along the shoreline, that summer may bring welcome commerce to our towns and that God's joy in human creation may be reflected in the hospitality shown to all who come to visit. We ask this in your name.

*People* **Hear us, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* For the police and volunteer firefighters, for the postal workers, delivery services, grocery workers, librarians, town officers, and elected officials of our towns, that they may find special enjoyment in their vital roles during busy summer months. We ask this in your name.

*People* **Hear us, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* For the safety of those from our parish who serve in the Armed Forces, especially Douglas Hamillton, Carl Heise, Molly and Jon Hilzinger, Andy Morgado, Spencer Russo, Tullie St. John, Brian Tewart, Kyle Webb, and Joel Wesch. We ask this in your name.

*People* **Hear us, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, especially those we now name either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_.  
*Silence may be kept.*

We ask this in your name.

*People* **Hear us, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* For those who are aged and infirm, widowed and orphaned, and for those who are sick and suffering, especially: Kathy Arthur, Peter Bierrie, Jinny Buracchi, Helen Chatman, Connie Cliffe, Sandra and Tony Custodio, Roger Deakin, Nancy Gould, Becky Honan, Cora Padelli, Michael Pepe, Phillip, Jim Scala, John Schumacher, Joan Squelia, Kathy Wesch, and those we now name either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_.

*Silence may be kept.*

We ask this in your name.

*People* **Hear us, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* Let us give thanks for the work of our global ministry partners in Mozambique and the Diocese of Lebombo; for Bishop Carlos, Father David, Father José, and the congregation of St. Bernard's.

For the work of Hospital Albert Schweitzer in Haiti and Sister Cities Essex, Haiti. And we give thanks for the ongoing work of our local ministry partners: the Shoreline Soup Kitchen, Middlesex Habitat for Humanity, the Old Lyme VFW, A Sacred Place, and for the ministries within our diocese hosting camp this summer: the Incarnation Center and Camp Washington.

We rejoice in these abundant blessings and invite your thanksgivings either silently or aloud

*Silence may be kept.*

We ask this in your name.

*People* **Hear us, O Lord.**

*Presider* Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin, kneeling**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins to God.

*A moment of reflective silence is kept.*

*People* **God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,**

**the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace, standing**

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you!

*People* **And also with you!**

*Then the ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

**Offertory Sentence**

*Presider* Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

*The congregation's offering for the mission and ministry of the church is received. Please be seated.*

**Anthem at the offertory      My Master Hath a Garden**

**R. Thompson**

**Presentation, standing**

*The congregation's gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented and placed on the Holy Table. Weekly donations to the Shoreline Pantry are placed before the Altar.*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 1, Enriching Our Worship**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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 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**

**Blue Hymnal S-130**

*The people stand or kneel, as the Presider 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 friends, 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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

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.**

*Presider*           And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**The Lord's Prayer, said by all**

**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.

### Breaking of the Bread

*The presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem

Blue Hymnal S-164

### The Invitation to Communion

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy things for holy people.  
*All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.*  
*For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. We are not allowing intinction at this time.*  
*Gluten-free bread is available for those requiring it. Please indicate this by holding one arm across your chest. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher or someone nearby to request that communion be brought to you.*

**Hymn** Will you come and follow me **Worship & Rejoice Hymnal (W&R) 350**

### Prayer after Communion *standing*

*Presider* Let us pray.  
*People* **God of abundance,  
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### Blessing, *standing*

*Presider* Let us depart from this place in peace, and as we go on our way, forget not those who are poor, pray for those who are sick, make no peace with oppression, and love one another in God as Christ has loved us, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Hymn** Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us **Blue Hymnal 559**

### The Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Prelude in G Minor, BWV 558 **J. S. Bach**

**The Rev. Dr. Carolyn J. Sharp, Guest Preacher**  
**Professor of Homiletics at Yale**

Professor Sharp's research explores the poetics, narrative art, and theology of biblical texts as resources for homiletical theory and practice. She is interested in ways in which preaching can catalyze the formation of Christian community via insights from biblical studies, feminist perspectives on power, ecotheology, and emancipatory pedagogy. An Episcopal priest, she preaches regularly at St. John's Episcopal Church in Essex and elsewhere.

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God in celebration of Nicholas and Joan Squelia's 65th wedding anniversary.

**FORUMS: JUNE 19 - AUGUST 21 | St. John's Summer Book Club: *Face to the Rising Sun: Reflections on Spirituals and Justice* by Mark Bozzuti-Jones**

The St. John's Summer Book Club will gather in the Parish Hall or in the Amphitheater to discuss Mark Bozzuti-Jones' book *Face to the Rising Sun*. Spirituals, songs of abiding faith passed down by African Americans through the centuries, offer a remarkable view of resilience, courage, and love. Formed in the crucible of fire, these songs express the suffering and horror of slavery as well as the love of God and the promise of a better future.

In this book, author Bozzuti-Jones explores the modern-day lessons of these Spirituals with scripture readings, daily devotions, and questions for reflection. There are 31 reflections that we will choose from for our 11-week study. *Face to the Rising Sun* offers a path forward, a way to repent and name the evils of racism and learn and grow together in God's love.

Copies of the book are available at church (\$15 donation requested), or you may purchase it on Kindle.

**Children's Chapel**

**OPEN ALL SUMMER**

**Begins at 10:15 A.M. Parish Hall**

### **Sunday Altar Flower Offering**

There are many dates available for this year! If you are interested in celebrating an anniversary, birthday, or remembering a loved one with your church family, please contact Chelsea DiDonato at 860-767-8095 ext. 10 or [chelsea@stjohnsessex.org](mailto:chelsea@stjohnsessex.org). Please submit payment to St. John's Episcopal Church by either mailing a \$100 check with a memo "altar flowers" or visiting the St. John's website. **Here Are Some Upcoming Dates to Choose From:** July 17, July 24, August 14, August 21, August 28, September 4, September 18, September 25

### **Pastoral Care Card Writer Needed for August**

Members of the pastoral care card team send monthly cards to members of the congregation who have health issues, are homebound, or suffered a recent death in the family. It is a rewarding opportunity to connect with our community and foster relationships. Peggy Tuttle is looking for someone to write our cards for August. If you are interested in helping, please contact Peggy at [peggytuttle@gmail.com](mailto:peggytuttle@gmail.com).

### **A Night of Theater at The Ivoryton Playhouse featuring "Smokey Joe's Cafe" the Play**

You are invited to join Sister Cities Essex Haiti for a Night of Theater at the Ivoryton Playhouse for "Smokey Joe's Cafe," the Play on Wednesday, July 13, from 7:30-9:30 P.M. Enjoy pre-show cocktails and a light fare reception under the tent from 6-7:15 P.M. To learn more about the play and ticket information, please visit [sistercitiesessexhaiti.com](http://sistercitiesessexhaiti.com) and email [info@sistercitiesessexhaiti.org](mailto:info@sistercitiesessexhaiti.org).

### **Services at Essex Meadows**

Essex Meadows residents, please mark your calendars every Monday for Spiritual Matters in Hamilton Hall with St. John's and St. Ann's clergy at 11 A.M.

Rev. Kate will be at Essex Meadows on Monday, July 18 at 11 A.M. for Holy Eucharist. There will also be a special gathering on Monday, June 27 at 11 A.M. with St. John's Director of Music, Anthony Pandolfe, Jr. for a hymn sing!

### **Let's Celebrate Deacon Geof and Gerri Smith**

Join us in celebrating Deacon Geof Smith and Gerri Smith's ministry among us. We wish them well on their next chapter as they move to New Hampshire to be closer to their children and grandchildren!

After the 5 P.M. service on July 3 in the amphitheater, we will light the grill and start the hamburgers and hot dogs. St. John's will provide meat, condiments, and rolls. We would appreciate your bringing a side dish or non-alcoholic beverage (macaroni or potato salad, chips, seltzer, or water, e.g.), pot-luck style. If you can't bring anything, that's OK – just come and join in the celebration!

You may also acknowledge Deacon Geof and Gerri by donating to the Shoreline Soup Kitchen and Pantries in their honor. To do so, please make out a check to St. John's and note in the memo that this is a donation to the Shoreline Soup Kitchen in honor of the Smiths. Questions? Please contact Ellen Pfarr, [pfarrside@gmail.com](mailto:pfarrside@gmail.com), or Sandy Loether, [sandyloether@gmail.com](mailto:sandyloether@gmail.com).

### **Happy 4th of July**

Happy 4th of July to our St. John's family! We hope you have a safe and cheerful holiday weekend.

The St. John's Office will observe the 4th of July holiday on Monday, July 4th, and will resume regular business hours on Tuesday, July 5th.

**Serving Today at 10:15 A.M.**

Organist & Choir Director	Anthony Pandolfe, Jr
Ushers & Greeters	Deb and Darrell Jones
Lector	Kelsey Tewart & Bill Bennett
Intercessor	Lois Blood Bennett
Crucifer & Eucharistic Minister	Karen van der Horst
Acolyte	Will Tewart
Videographer	Allison Fresher
Vergers & Liturgical Coordinator	Allison Fresher
Altar Guild	Peggy Tuttle, Susan Guernsey, & Stephanie Patterson
Counters	Bill Chatman & Brian Fresher
Deacon	The Rev. Geoffrey T. Smith
Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Carolyn J. Sharp

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**CLERGY AND STAFF:** The Rev. Kate E. Wesch, *The Rector*; The Rev. Geoffrey T. Smith, *Deacon*; Chelsea DiDonato, *Parish Administrator & Communications Director*; Anthony Pandolfe, Jr., *Music and Choir Director*, Mairi Graham-Shaw, *Family Life Minister*, Deborah Jones, *Sexton*; Dayle Larson, *Bookkeeper*

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**WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES**

**WEDNESDAYS**

Morning Prayer— 10 A.M.

**SUNDAYS**

Holy Eucharist — 8 A.M.

Holy Eucharist— 10:15 A.M.

“Come As You Are” Worship Service — 5 P.M.

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