

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II — 10:15 A.M.
SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

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. To ensure newcomers feel welcomed, position prompts are provided throughout our bulletins. If standing or kneeling is uncomfortable for you, please know it is fine to remain seated.

Prelude **Prelude on Cwm Rhondda**

P. Cattaneo

All rise at the sound of the church bell.

Hymn 391, standing **Before the Lord's eternal throne**

WINCHESTER NEW

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 S-280 *Gloria in excess*

R. Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

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

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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 Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

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

The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse beginning with the lector.

Psalm 130 *De profundis*

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

**2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O LORD, who could stand?**

3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

**4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.**

5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

**6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;**

**7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 621, standing **Light's abode, celestial Salem**

RHUDDLAN

Holy Gospel: Mark 3:20-35, standing

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Allison H. Fresher

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 worshiped 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.**

Pray for the World and the Church, *standing*

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jeff and Laura our bishops, Kate our priest; for this gathering and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.
Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.
Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for St. John's and Rev. Kate during this time of leave-taking and saying goodbye. We give thanks for the years we have had together as pastor and people to work for the advancement of your kingdom in this place and for the ministry which we have shared.
Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for those who are poor, sick, hungry, or oppressed, and for those who are in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially, Jinny Buracchi, Connie Cliffe, Tony Custodio, Roger Deakin, Margie Faulkner, Raymond Guarino, Nancy Gould, John Hayes, Brigida Matute, Chris Miller, Marjorie Misch, Marguerite Quigley, Dorothy Rider, George Wendell, Jerry Williams and those we now name either silently or aloud.
Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.
Silence

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.
Silence

Intercessor: At this time, you may offer your own intercessions and thanksgivings.
Silence

Intercessor: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

The people kneel as able. A moment of reflective silence is kept.

People

Almighty God,

Source of all that is,

Giver of every good gift:

You create all people in your image

and call us to love one another as you love us.

We confess that we have failed to honor you

in the great diversity of the human family.

We have desired to live in freedom,

while building walls between ourselves and others.

We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,

while making judgements of others based on the color of skin,

or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.

We have tried to love our neighbors individually

while yet benefitting from systems

that hold those same neighbors in oppression.

Forgive us, Holy God.

Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.

Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.

Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,

united in our diversity,

even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,

Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. 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 the risen 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.

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 S-129

Holy, Holy, Holy

R. Powell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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 children, 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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Invitation to Communion

Presider Behold what you are;
People may we become what we receive.

All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. For a blessing, place your hands across your chest. 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 209 We walk by faith, and not by sight

ST. BOTOLPH

Post Communion Prayer, 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.**

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors, as requested

Presider In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We, who are many, are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Blessing, standing

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 594, standing God of grace and God of glory

CWM RHONDDA

The Dismissal, standing

Presider Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude Rigaudon

A. Campra

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Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given by Sally deGazzaldi and Chris Knowlton in loving memory of their nephew, Tram Evans, on the first anniversary of his passing.

*Directly following the service, all are invited to attend coffee hour in the Parish Hall.
Carey Emig is hosting.*

**Sunday Forum: 1000 Gallons of Molasses: The First Voyage of the Brig Ann of Saybrook,
1796
Sunday, June 9, 9-10 AM in the Parish Hall**

While researching the life of Violet, an enslaved parishioner of St. John's, we came across the following entry in the finding notes for the Noah Scovell papers at the New Bedford Whaling Museum: "correspondence and agent/owner accounts for the Ann (Brig), which deal with Noah Scovell's involvement in the West Indian slave trade in 1796-1799." If Noah Scovell was actually involved in the slave trade, that would certainly be an important part of the story and the history of St. John's and Essex. In an attempt to answer this question, the Essex Historical Society assembled a group of interested members who transcribed the documents associated with the Ann. I'll cut to the chase: the answer is yes...but in a surprising way. Please join us as we retrace the first voyage of the Brig Ann of Saybrook from the foot of Essex's Main Street to Havana and back.

Donuts for Dads
Sunday, June 16 at 10:15 AM

Join us to celebrate our dads and fatherlike figures with coffee and donuts following the 10:15 AM worship on Father's Day. Hosted by Sandy Loether and Sue Webb.

Goodbye Party for Rev. Kate
Sunday, June 30 at 6 PM

Please save the date for a fun evening in the amphitheater with music and food on Sunday, June 30th at 6 PM as we wish Kate and her family well on their new exciting opportunities. We are seeking donations for soft drinks and volunteers for the event day. More information will be shared early next week.

Preview Party at Risk of Cancellation!
Friday night, September 4, 2024

The Preview Party is a fun parish event that is traditionally held in the Parish Hall on the eve of the Rummage Sale, but it is at risk this year due to the absence of a chairperson or co-chairs to organize it. People sign up to bring hors d'oeuvres and drinks. We have had a member of the choir that provides excellent live music.

There is usually a raffle of wine bottles donated by parishioners. There is also a silent or live auction of about six items. All those present may purchase Rummage Sale items at twice the posted cost. Sometimes, people highlight interesting sale items by wearing them during the party.

This all adds up to an enjoyable time for parishioners and volunteers and adds to the funds raised by the Rummage Sale. This event is a highlight for parishioners and volunteers and significantly boosts the funds raised by the Rummage Sale. With the support of co-chairs and volunteers, the chairperson is responsible for organizing the setup, coordinating the sign-up sheets for auction items, wine donations, and food contributions, and overseeing the clean-up afterward.

If you want to help ensure the Preview Party continues this year, please get in touch with Clio Coles at 860-759-2259 or email cliocolles50@gmail.com.

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**WORSHIP & STUDY TIMES**

SUNDAYS | Holy Eucharist — 8:00 & 10:15 AM

“Come As You Are” Worship Service — 5 PM

TUESDAYS | Bible Study, *Parish Hall* — 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM

THURSDAYS | Zoom Bible Study — 2:00 PM

WEDNESDAYS | Morning Prayer — 10:00 AM

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