

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II — 10:15 A.M.
SUNDAY, JULY 21, 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 **Sonata No. 1 Adagio**
All rise at the sound of the church bell.

F. Mendelssohn

Hymn 493, standing **O for a thousand tongues to sing**

AZMON

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 excelsis*

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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

You may be seated.

The First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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 23 *Dominus regit me*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 529, standing **In Christ there is no East or West**

MCKEE

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56, standing

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

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they

hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Carol Gadsden

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, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop Elect, Jeff and Laura our bishops, Wilk and Carol, our interim co-pastors; 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 our parish family. As our Rector search unfolds, deepen within us the desire to do your will, opening our minds to exciting possibilities. May our joy in common life touch the heart of the Rector whom you call to be in our midst, drawing us towards the bright future you intend for us. Pray for our parish.
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, Pedro Frigola, Raymond Guarino, Nancy Gould, Mindy Hoffman, Chris Miller, Marguerite Quigley, Dorothy Rider, 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, especially the Rev. Mary Allan. 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 **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. 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.

Hymn 525, standing **The Church's one foundation**

AURELIA

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

Fraction Anthem S-163

Jesus, Lamb of God

R. Powell

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

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 653 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

REPTON

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*

Hymn 708, *standing* Savior, like a shepherd lead us

SICILIAN MARINERS

The Dismissal, *standing*

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Prelude in A Minor, BWV 559

J. S. Bach

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

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given by Stephanie Patterson with gratitude for the many blessings of this life.

We Need You: Register This Week for the Congregational Listening Sessions

As we move headlong into transition, your Vestry invites your help assessing our legacy and visioning what God is calling this faith community to be. To that end, we've scheduled four congregational listening forums – two in July, two in August – to gather your perspectives in answering four key questions that will form the backbone of a fresh parish profile and state-of-the-art website that will be the face of St. John's to candidates, prospective members, the wider community, and our own communicants.

Since the Vestry alone is charged with the search process, rather than volunteer committees, these moderated forums will be your greatest opportunity to provide valuable input. Come with open minds, hearts, and imaginations earnestly leaning into this transformative process.

All of the forums will be identical, facilitated by diocesan transition consultant Gail Lebert and Vestry members, but we've chosen a range of dates and times to afford the greatest scheduling flexibility for the greatest number of households. Please **select ONE session** from the following options. Session links can be found in our email communications. If you are not registered for our online communication, would like to be added, or do not use email, please contact Chelsea DiDonato at 860-767-8095 or chelsea@stjohnsessex.org. You may also scan the QR code below to register directly through your smartphone. To do so, please use the camera on your app and click on the yellow code.

- Sunday, July 21 at 11:45 AM
- Tuesday, July 30 at 7:00 PM
- Monday, August 12 at 6:00 PM
- Sunday, August 18 at 11:45 AM

Capacity for each session is capped at 60 persons because of space limitations in the Undercroft, which will be arranged for breakout groups.

You have a voice in this pivotal moment for St. John's and we invite you to use it creatively and prayerfully!

July 30



August 12



August 18



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The Churches of Essex Invite You To An Ecumenical Service Sunday, July 28 at 10 AM — Essex Town Park

Join us on **Sunday, July 28, at 10 AM in Essex Town Park** for an ecumenical service with our neighboring churches. Please bring your own lawn chair and invite your friends! This service will replace the 10:15 AM service. In case of rain, we will move inside St. John's.

Viso Divina
Saturday, August 17, from 1:00-3:00 PM

You are invited to spend time with *The Saint John's Bible* to meditate, to create, to learn, to enjoy the art and the beauty of the illuminations and calligraphy. All are welcome and encouraged to drop in at any time throughout this offering.

Bill's Blessings: Monthly Item Requests

Last week, Bill's Blessings had its grand opening, serving 25 guests. The Soup Kitchen guests were thrilled to have these new resources available.

Each month, we will highlight five items that need restocking. For July, we are requesting the following items:

- Toilet paper (minimum package of 6)
- Paper towels
- Napkins
- Laundry detergent (32 oz, no larger) or Laundry sheets

Please note that we cannot accept travel-sized items.

Available Sunday Altar Flower Dates

There are many dates available for 2024! If you want to celebrate an anniversary, birthday, or remember a loved one with your church family, please contact Chelsea DiDonato at 860-767-8095 ext. 10 or chelsea@stjohnsessex.org.

Dates Available: August 25; September 22, 29; October 6; November 3, 10, 24; December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; January 5, 12, and 19.

Sister Cities Essex Haiti Office Volunteer Work Needed
By Terry Parkinson

Sister Cities Essex Haiti is seeking a volunteer to help with their website and a volunteer to serve as Assistant Treasurer. We need help, particularly over the summer, in collecting and processing donations. Please get in touch with Terry Parkinson at ETerryParkinson@gmail.com or 860-2271447. Your help is very much appreciated.

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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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