

THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II — 10:15 a.m.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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

Sawney Freeman

All rise at the sound of the church bell.

Hymn 493, standing O for a thousand tongues to sing

AZMON

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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-278 *Gloria in excelsis*

W. Mathias

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 and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say,

“Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.” See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm is sung by the Choir. Please remain seated.

Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

E. Rimbault

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 375, standing **Give praise and glory unto God**

DU LEBENSBRÖT, HERR JESU CHRIST

Holy Gospel: Mark 10:46-52, *standing*

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

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Wilbert "Wilk" Miller

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.**

Prayers of the People, *standing*

Intercessor Jesus, our great high priest, makes constant intercession for his people. Joining with him, let us lift our voices in prayer.

That we may listen to the cries of those who call to us out of desperation and despair, and respond to their needs with mercy and compassion; let us pray.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor In thanksgiving for Christ's sacrificial gift of love and for his invitation to repentance and the promise of new life; let us pray.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That peace may prevail in all the world and hope may be restored to those who suffer the tyranny of war and poverty; let us pray.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That honesty and integrity may define us all as we prepare for the upcoming election. Fill all who vote and seek public office with your Spirit, that the lowly and suffering might be lifted up and filled with every good thing; let us pray.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That you would look graciously on the people of St. John's as we move through this interim time, filling us with faithfulness, openness, and joy. May our new rector help us embody the deep and unbounded love of Christ for our parish and community; let us pray.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor That the sick may derive strength from the prayers of others, and be supported by the presence of family and friends; we pray for Jen Benevento, Jinny Buracchi, Connie Cliffe, Tony Custodio, Roger Deakin, Margie Faulkner, Sherley Furgueson, Pedro Frigola, Raymond Guarino, Nancy Gould, Mindy Hoffman, Chris Miller, Vicki Morrison, Gianna Porcelli, Marguerite Quigley, Dorothy Rider, Chantel Volcy, and Jerry Williams.

Silence

Intercessor For those who have died in the hope of the resurrection; may they rejoice with angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven; let us pray.

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 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.

Anthem My Eyes For Beauty Pine

H. Howells

*My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddes grace : No other care nor hope is mine, To heaven I turn my face. One splendour thence is shed
From all the stars above : 'Tis named when God's name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love. And every gentle heart, That burns with true
desire, Is lit from eyes that mirror part Of that celestial fire.*

Presentation, standing

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

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-128

Holy, Holy, Holy

W. Mathias

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

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

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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

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 - deem - er of the world: give us your 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 671 **Amazing grace! how sweet the sound**

NEW BRITAIN

Post Communion Prayer, standing

Presider Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors, as requested

Hymn 567, standing **Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old**

ST. MATTHEW

As the altar party exits the church, the congregation will follow at the direction of the vergers (Allison Fresher). The music of Sawney Freeman will be played. Once outside, all will gather at the Witness Stones for a blessing.

A Prayer of Blessing in memory of Violet and Frank

God the Liberator, your Apostle Paul wrote, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." May the Witness Stones in front of our church and our corporate memory acknowledge the full breadth of humanity and belatedly give voice to Violet and Frank, beloved children of God and members of this church. Give us the courage to see injustice and oppression in our own day, so we might not repeat the sins of our past. All of this we ask in the name of God; the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

The Blessing, standing

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Show love to everyone. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal, standing

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People **Thanks be to God.**

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Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given by Tony Custodio in loving memory of his wife, Sandra Custodio and his brother Edward Custodio.

Stewardship Update

The 2025 Annual Every Member Canvass is in progress. So far, we have received 94 pledge cards, totaling \$324,035 in giving commitments. Thank you for your generosity. If you haven't already done so, please submit your pledge card (available in pew racks) as soon as possible to support the 2025 budgeting process.

**All Saints' Sunday
Sunday, November 3**

Join us on All Saints' Day (November 3) for a special service at 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., where we remember our departed loved ones. During the liturgy, we will take the time to say their names aloud at each service. We also invite you to bring photos of loved ones who have passed to adorn the Altar of Remembrance. Be sure to label the back of your photos for return.

Directly following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services | Parish Hall

While we remember the faithful departed in our prayers this day, we also invite you to remember your departed loved ones in the sharing of fellowship and food.

All Saints' Reception

At this Coffee Hour, we invite you to bring a favorite dish (appetizer size) that reminds you of someone you have lost. It might be your mother's cookie recipe or a grandparent's casserole. Think about the tastes and smells associated with a beloved friend or family member and share those with us.

**Upcoming Sunday Fall Forums
9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall**

MVAMP Veterans Day Forum — Sunday, November 10

Dave Griswold, former Post Commander and newly appointed Aide-de-Camp to the National VFW Commander-in-Chief, will share how Lyme-Old Lyme Post #1467 achieved its top ranking in Connecticut, boasting 104% membership. He will also highlight the ongoing and enthusiastic support from St. John's MVAMP, founded in 2015 by Jack Sikora and Bishop Jonathan Folts, whose generous donations have consistently supported the Post's Veterans In Need Outreach Relief Fund. During the forum, the MVAMP ministry invites you to a small reception.

The Book of Common Prayer, Part II — Sunday, November 24

A review of its content, where to find specific information, the chance to ask questions.

Fall Bible Study Classes

Join us for Bible study every Tuesday in the Parish Hall at either 10 a.m. or 5 p.m. The morning class will explore Golden Age Thinking Among God's People: Fact and Fiction, while the evening session will focus on How is God Portrayed in the Bible? To learn more about the topics and the reading syllabus, please pick up a copy in the Narthex.

Quiet Day Postponed

The Quiet Day scheduled for Saturday, November 2 has been postponed. A new date will be set during the winter.

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