

# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND PARISH DAY SCHOOL



We strive to bring all people to a closer relationship with God and each other in Jesus Christ.

Sun., May 30, 2021 – 10:15 a.m. Trinity Sunday

### THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome

Prelude Elegy Thalben-Ball

Opening Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy M-1

**Opening Acclamation** 

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

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

Celebrant 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.

Hymn of Praise Glory to God

M-2

## Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace,

by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and

ever. Amen.

# The First Reading Please be seated.

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your

lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \* ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \* worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \* the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \* the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \* the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \* and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \* the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \* and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \* all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \* the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \* the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

# The Second Reading Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn Immortal, Invisible vs. 1

**M-3** 

The Gospel John 3:1-17

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Ann Ritonia

The Nicene Creed Please stand as you are able; said by all.

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.

## The Prayers of the People

The Lector and People pray responsively. At the conclusion of each petition,

Lector We pray;

People Come Holy Spirit and stay with us.

### Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All

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.

### Absolution

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Greet one another safely in person or in the Comment section on YouTube.

### Announcements

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

# Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem Be In My Seeing St. John's Quartet Wold

Thee Will I Love Donna Hesson, soloist Courtney

# Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

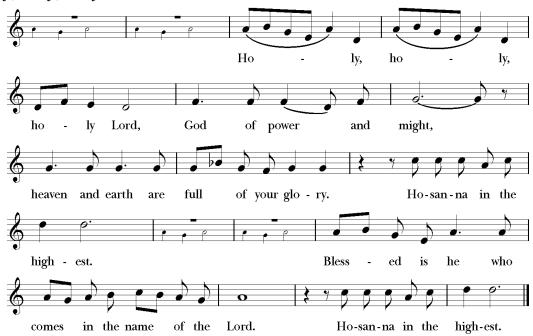
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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:



The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

## Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

#### The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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**.

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

The Lord's Prayer Pray in unison.

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.

### The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant Behold what you are;

People May we become what we receive.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **COMMUNION**

This is God's Table, and at this Table, God feeds us and blesses us with what we need to be the Church, Christ's body in the world. In the Episcopal Church, children as well as adults receive Communion, for together we are the Body of Christ. Everyone is welcome to receive Communion or a Blessing. **During Covid, the priest will come to you. Either standing or kneeling at your seat, receive the bread with open hands extended.** Consecrated gluten free wafers available. Please ask the clergy. To receive a Blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest. The minister will affirm God's blessing on you.

Immediately following the livestream service, Holy Eucharist will be available at the side door of the church from 11:30 a.m. – 12 noon. Please stay in your car and wear a mask.

Communion Anthem Draw Us in the Spirit St. John's Quartet Friedell

Eternal Father Strong to Save Russ Corbett, soloist Melita

## The Post-Communion Prayer Pray together.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## The Blessing

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

Closing Hymn O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

M-4

### Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Exultate Gawthrop

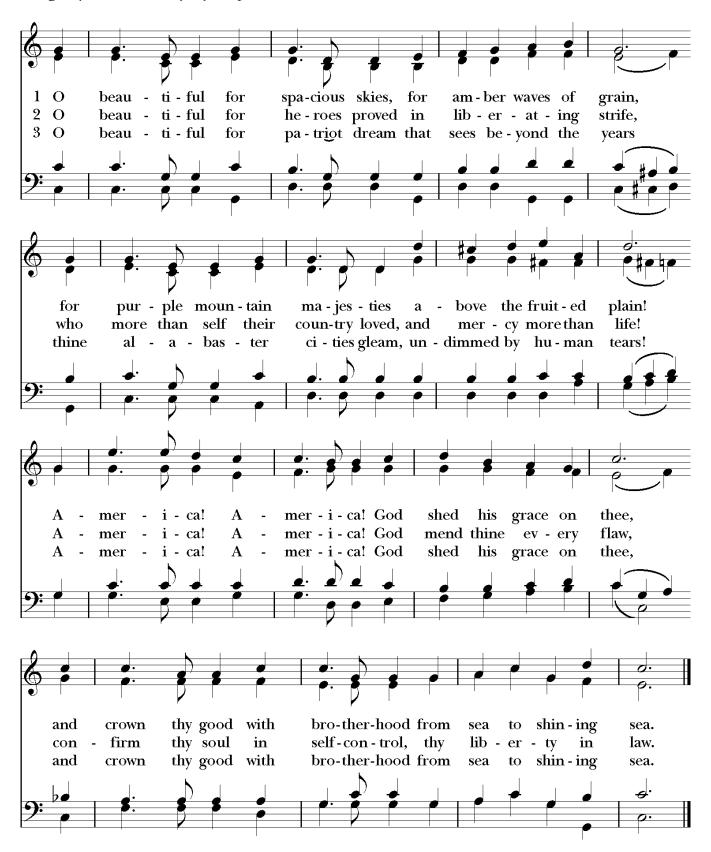
## Opening Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy





St. Denio







Welcome to St. John's on this Trinity Sunday. The sacred character of human life springs from our intimate connection with the triune deity. God's self-identification to Moses is not that of some distant figure, aloof from human life. Instead, he is the God of people: Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel. If we substitute the names of our own parents or loved ones, we get the message. God is part and parcel of that most close and frustrating human relationship. As you think about God's relationship with you and humanity you are invited to consider the following:

- 1. How do you find courage and confidence in the assurance of God's continuing presence?
- 2. How does that affect my relationships with others?
- 3. What does unity mean to you?

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bill Albrecht, Beverly Baker, Jacyn Baker, Carole Baumann, William Boin, Maya Bragdon, Kelly Brown, Barbara Burris, James Burroughs, Oliver Chang, Melissa Chavez, Teddy Clarke, Denise & Michael, Jeffrey Edmonds, Leslie Edmonds, Steven Edmonds, June Elder, Dan FitzGerald, Sherry FitzGerald, Amy Gebhard, George, Paige G., Tom Goetting, Ann & Matthew Graham, G Teresa, Martha Guillet, Jennette & Richard Hamilton, Natalie Cox Hennes, Deb Howell, Jillian, Chris Jones, Cathy Kulpinski, Amy Lederer Shapiro, Robert Lippold, Lorraine, Reegan Lueken, Nancy Maestri, Conchata Mayfield, The Rev. Sheila McJilton, Tom & Pat Merson, Charles Miller, Bob Monkouski, Grace Oltz, Michael O'Connor, Jerry O'Neill, Emily Ortiz, Beblon Parks, Famebridge Payne, Jeannie and Bob R., Heather Schwenk, Pam Sikora, Wallace Stebbins, Elaine Thomas, Alicia Townsend, Verity Truby, James Vanderheiden, Nancy Voskuhl, Hudson Wallace, Jonathan Weston-Dawkes, and Allen "Mitch" Wright.

#### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by the Chen family, Joseph, Eunju, Claire, and Theo, in memory of Songhae and Meeyoung Chung

FOR THOSE IN HARM'S WAY: Jonas Kelsall, Keith Scharnhorst, Barry Weimer, Kristina Randazzo, Chris Peterson, and Mike Jackson.

Our community shares the compassion of prayer with members and beyond. To have someone included on our prayer list, you may: Contact the Parish Office by phone; or email your prayer request to Tracey Stone at **tstone@stjohnsec.org**. Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days. After the initial 30 days, if you wish to have a name stay on the list, please re-submit your request.

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