



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND PARISH DAY SCHOOL

*We welcome you here at St. John's to be met by God,
who already knows you and loves you.*



Sat., Oct. 2, 2021, 5:00 p.m. & Sun., Oct. 3, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost & Episcopal Schools Sunday

THE WORD OF GOD

Music pages are for the 10:30 a.m. service only and are located near the back of the bulletin.

During this phase of Covid restrictions, congregational singing is not permitted, but you may hum along.

Welcome

Prelude *Andante Religioso*

Mendelssohn

Opening Hymn *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

M-1

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's 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. God of knowledge and wisdom, we pray to you for all the schools across this country, which are part of the Episcopal Church. We remember them in their variety, in their differences, and in what they share. Give us open doors, open minds, and open hearts that we might accept, learn, and love everything and everyone whom you have given us. We pray in the name of Jesus who opened his arms to all, young and old. **Amen.**

The First Reading *Please be seated.*

Isaiah 58:8-12

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,

the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,

the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

if you offer your food to the hungry

and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm *Please read responsively by whole verse. The congregation reads parts in bold.* **Psalm 27:1-8**

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

² **When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.**

³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴ **One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.**

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

⁶ **Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ **“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”
Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

The Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-15

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* (vs. 1-3 before; vs. 4 after)

M-3

The Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

(5:00 p.m.) The Rev. Ann Ritonia

(10:30 a.m.) Mr. Stuart Work, Board of Trustees, SJPDS

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 Let us pray to Lord,
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Episcopal Schools Sunday Reflection

Ms. Lori Dembo, Head of School, SJPDS

The Peace

The People may greet one another safely.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Announcements

Reflection

Brian Stone

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

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

Offertory Anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Rutter

Eucharistic Prayer 1 *from Enriching Our Worship*

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 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant 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 St. John and 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.**

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

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. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the minister. To receive a Blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest. The minister will affirm God's blessing on you.

Communion Hymn *My God, Thy Table Now is Spread*

M-4

The Post-Communion Prayer *Pray together.*

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.

The Blessing

Our worship has ended. Our work now begins. Go in peace. Visit the sick, remember the poor, love one another, and be the Church. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.

Closing Hymn *I Love Thy Kingdom Lord*

M-5

Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

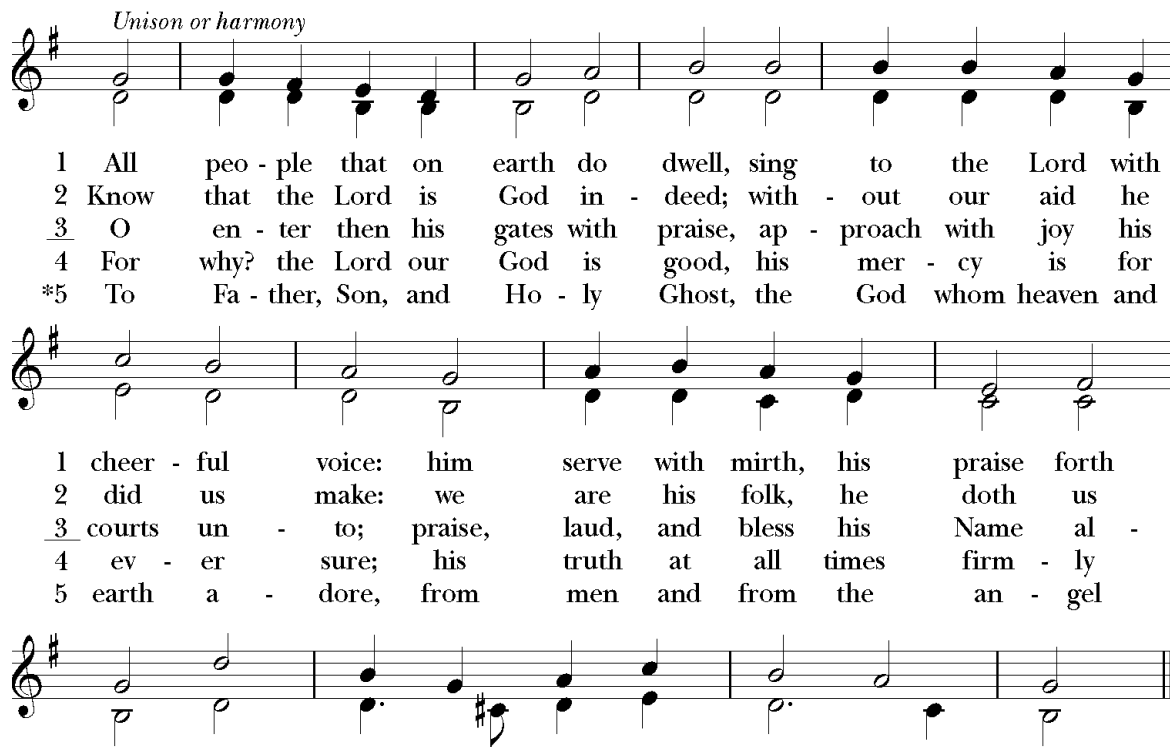
Postlude *Toccata on Old Hundreth*

Burkhardt

Opening Hymn *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Old 100th

Unison or harmony



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his
 4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for
 *5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and

1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth
 2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us
 3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -
 4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly
 5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel

1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - jice.
 2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.
 5 host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - - more.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bill Albrecht, Jerry Anderson, Beverly Baker, Jacyn Baker, Carole Baumann, Steve Belknap, William Boin, Maya Bragdon, Kelly Brown, Mike Burchett, Barbara Burris, Oliver Chang, Melissa Chavez, Teddy Clarke, Kevin, Karly & Miles Danaher, Linda & Jerry Dietz, Bill Dixon, Leslie Edmonds, Steven Edmonds, Betty Elder, June Elder, Dan FitzGerald, Sherry FitzGerald, David, Joshua, & Alison Gebhard, Paige Giza, Martha Guillet, Jennette & Richard Hamilton, Natalie Cox Hennes, Ethan Jeanneault, Chris Jones, Gerald Kenney, Cathy Kulpinski, Amy Lederer Shapiro, Lorraine, Reegan Lueken, Raul Marroquin, Karen McCaulley, The Rev. Sheila McJilton, Pat Merson, Charles Miller, Bob Monkouski, Grace Oltz, Beblon Parks, Famebridge Payne, Claire Reed, Julie Schablitsky, Heather Schwenk, Pam Sikora, Wallace Stebbins, Aaron & Patience Tagbo & Family, Alicia Townsend, Verity Truby, James Vanderheiden, Jonathan Weston-Dawkes, Allen "Mitch" Wright, and Bob Zedosky.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

THE FLOWERS ON THE HISTORIC CHURCH ALTAR are given by Judy Robbins in memory of her daughter Blair and son Scott.

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.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty 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.

Gospel Hymn *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* (vs. 1-3 before; vs. 4 after) *Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien*

1. Sing to the Lord of har - vest, sing songs of love and praise;
 2. By him the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
 3. Heap on his sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good - ness gave,
 4. To God the gra - cious Fa - ther, who made us "ver - y good,"

with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise!
 the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
 the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls he died to save.
 to Christ, who, when we wan - dered, re - stored us with his blood,

By him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
 He fill - eth with his full - ness all things with large in - crease;
 Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, who doth up - on us pour

sing to the Lord of har - vest a song of hap - py love.
 he crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty, and with peace.
 and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.
 his bless - ed dews and sun - shine, be praise for - ev - er - more.

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Closing Hymn *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

St. Thomas

1 I love thy king-dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode, the
 2 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers a - scend; to
 3 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways, her
 4 Je - sus, thou friend di - vine, our Sa - vior and our King, thy
 5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given the

1 Church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
 2 her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
 3 sweet com - mun - ion, so - lemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
 4 hand from ev - ery snare and foe shall great de - liv - erance bring.
 5 bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

Reflection: Matthew 5:13-20

In today's passage from the Gospel of Matthew, we often focus on the powerful imagery of "salt" and "light." But what we might want to shift our attention to is all the talk of the "law and the prophets." And when we talk about "the law and the prophets," we also need to talk about those who knew and excelled in their knowledge of and their practice of their observance: the scribes and the pharisees. Jesus, constantly upending our expectations of what he might say, preaches to those present as follows: "For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." A couple of things to note. Matthew is the most Jewish of all our gospels; he was writing to and for a primarily Jewish-Christian audience, who had a solid background and understanding of Jewish scripture and culture. In other words, they would have known, often personally, both Pharisees and scribes. And Jesus is upping the ante on the disciples' behavior, not, I think, to give them tremendous anxiety about their moral performance, but actually to remind them that they can do nothing without his help!

When you hear today's readings and when you think about the back and forth of this conversation between Jesus and the disciples, you are invited to ponder these questions:

1. In what ways does this passage confront our stereotypes, often negative, of the "Pharisees and scribes?"
2. How do you understand Jesus' implicit concern to rely on Him for help in living a righteous life?
3. In what ways does Jesus continue to challenge and not just console you and what do you do with this challenge?

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