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

*We, as the St. John's Church community, strive to bring all people
to a closer relationship with God and each other in Jesus Christ.*



*Called to Serve
and Be Served*

*The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost:
Proper 27*

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9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

H ~ The Hymnal 1982

S ~ Service Music (*first section of The Hymnal 1982*)

BCP ~ Book of Common Prayer

LEVAS ~ Lift Every Voice and Sing

WLP ~ Wonder, Love, and Praise

Organ Voluntary at the Prelude

Welcome

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn at the Procession

H 436; vs. 1-3

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Truro

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.
- 2 O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
to whom this King of triumph comes!
- 3 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

The Acclamation

BCP 355

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

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

The Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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.

People: *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise

S 236

Canticle 13, A Song of Praise: Benedictus es, Domine

John Rutter

- 1 Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
- 2 Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
- 3 Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

- 4 Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
- 5 Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
- 6 Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: *Amen.*

The Lessons: *(please be seated)*

A Reading from Amos (5:18-24)

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Psalm 70 (sung by choir and congregation)



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- 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.
- 2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.
- 3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
- 4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the LORD!"
- 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
- 6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.

Hymn at the Sequence

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

H 68; vs. 1-2

Llangloffan

- 1 Rejoice! rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising,
and soon he will draw nigh;
up, watch in expectation!
at midnight comes the cry.
- 2 See that your lamps are burning,
replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation,
the end of sin and toil.
The marriage-feast is waiting,
the gates wide open stand;
rise up, ye heirs of glory,
the Bridegroom is at hand!

The Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Hymn after the Gospel

H 68; v. 3

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Llangloffan

3 Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for,
above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption,
and ever be with thee!

The Sermon

The Rev. Barnabas Lee

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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, Form I

BCP 392

(remain standing; lines in italics spoken by the People)

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, and for the welfare of the holy Church of God, especially for the congregations of St. John's; and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding bishop; Eugene and Chilton, our bishops; our St. John's clergy; and for all the clergy and people. In the parish prayer cycle, we give thanks for the Children's Faith Formation Commission; for our Parish Day School; for our mission partners in Kenya Connect and in Cuttack, the Church of North India; and all who minister in and through St. John's.

For those who are participating in St. John's Bible Challenge, especially Debbie Lieberman, Beth Mackey, Nancy Maestri, Paul McAllister, and Charles Miller. May their hearts and minds be enlivened in their daily reading of God's Word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald, our President; the Congress of the United States; the United Nations; Larry, our Governor; Allan, our County Executive; for the leaders of the nations; and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We give thanks for all our veterans and for those members of our nation's military who are serving at home and abroad. For the many sacrifices made by them and their families, that we might enjoy a way of life that continues to draw people from around the world to our shores, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Ellicott City; and for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve the earth's resources, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all the blessings of this life, we thank you, Lord. We give thanks for those attending the Men's Retreat this weekend. The birth candle is lit in thanksgiving for the birth of Nathaniel Joseph Standeven. I invite your own prayers of thanksgiving, silently or aloud.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our own needs and for the needs of others. I invite your own prayers of petition, silently or aloud.

Silence

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection; especially George Prettyman, in whose name the flowers on the altar are given; for Ken Shafer, in whose name the flowers in the widows are given; for Nancy Hart Bradley, Russell Gingras, Stephen Wells Landen; and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation; remembering all refugees, especially those fleeing Syria. For all victims of violence, especially those in Texas, New York City, Colorado, and California. For our brothers and sisters suffering in the aftermath of the recent natural disasters; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of Saint John and all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

The Confession and Absolution*The Deacon or Celebrant says:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
(Silence may be kept)

Minister and 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.*

The Priest, stands and says:

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.*

All greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

Invitations**Offertory Sentence**

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ~ Romans 12:1

THE HOLY COMMUNION**Anthem at the Offertory***Holy Manna*

arr. Kenneth Lowenberg

Hymn at the Presentation*We plow the fields, and scatter*

H 291; v. 3

Wir Pflugen

3 We thank thee, then, O Father,
 for all things bright and good,
 the seedtime and the harvest,
 our life, our health, our food:

the gifts we have to offer
are what thy love imparts,
but chiefly thou desirest
our humble thankful hearts.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C (*remain standing*)

BCP 369

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 our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: *Glory to you for ever and ever.*

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: *By your will they were created and have their being.*

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: *By his blood, he reconciled us.*

By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus (*sung by Celebrant and People*)

S 125

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Richard Proulx

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(*The Celebrant continues*)

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
People: *We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

(The Celebrant continues:)

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: *Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

(The Celebrant continues:)

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer *(in unison)*

BCP 364

*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 Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

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. Guidance for receiving Communion is found on the last page of this bulletin.

Anthem at the Communion

Praise the God of Heaven above

William Starks

Sending Forth of the Eucharistic Visitor

Celebrant: In the name of God and of this congregation, I send you to those who are home bound, that they may share with us in Christ's body and blood.

People: *We who are many are one body, because we share one bread and one cup.*

Prayer Following Communion (all pray together)

BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: *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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Hymn at the Closing

H 569

God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest

Russia

- 1 God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest
thunder thy clarion, the lightning thy sword;
show forth thy pity on high where thou reignest:
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
- 2 God the All-merciful! earth hath forsaken
thy ways all holy, and slighted thy word;
bid not thy wrath in its terrors awaken:
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
- 3 God the All-righteous One! earth hath defied thee;
yet to eternity standeth thy word,
falsehood and wrong shall not tarry beside thee:
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
- 4 God the All-provident! earth by thy chastening
yet shall to freedom and truth be restored;
through the thick darkness thy kingdom is hastening:
thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord.

Dismissal

As we prepare to enter our mission field, please turn to face the rear doors for the Dismissal.

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Organ Voluntary at the Postlude

+ Laying on of Hands for Healing +

If you or one you care about would benefit from special prayers of healing, guidance, or thanksgiving; please kneel at the prayer desks near the altar rail during communion, or, at the altar rail after the dismissal.



HOLY COMMUNION AT ST. JOHN'S

Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a Blessing. Either standing or kneeling at the altar rail, receive the bread with open hands extended. When receiving the wine, you may sip from the chalice or intinct (dip) your bread in the wine.

To receive a Blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest. The minister will affirm God's blessing on you.

If you have not been baptized, we warmly encourage you to speak to a member of the clergy about this important sacramental step in your journey of faith.



The Rev. Ann M. Ritonia, *Rector*

The Rev. Jenni Ovenstone Smith, *Senior Associate Rector*

The Rev. Anna C. Noon, *Associate Rector*

The Rev. Barnabas Lee, *Assistant Rector for Asian Ministries*

The Rev. Dr. Katrina L. Grusell, *Priest Associate-UMBC Chaplain*

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We are grateful for every giver and every gift.

Please remember St. John's as part of your Christian legacy.

