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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*

Episcopal Schools Celebration Sunday

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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

Festivity

Ellen Jane Lorenz

Welcome

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn at the Procession

H 632

○ Christ, the Word Incarnate

Munich

- 1 ○ Christ, the Word Incarnate,
 ○ Wisdom from on high,
 ○ Truth, unchanged, unchanging,
 ○ Light of our dark sky;
we praise thee for the radiance
 that from the scripture's page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
 shines on from age to age.

- 2 The Church from our dear Master
 received the word divine,
and still that light is lifted
 o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
 that o'er life's surging sea,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
 still guides, ○ Christ, to thee.

- 3 ○ make thy Church, dear Savior,
 a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations
 thy true light as of old;
○ teach thy wandering pilgrims
 by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
 they see thee face to face.

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.

Collect for Episcopal Schools Celebration

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. Help us to share our lives and what we have, and to learn from all those who are around us. We pray in the name of Jesus who opened his arms to all, young and old.

People: *Amen.***The Lessons: (please be seated)****A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians (2:1-13)**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

(continued)

Psalm 111 (*sung*)



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1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

Hymn at the Sequence

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Draw it from earth; through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou are,
And make me love thee as I ought to love.

2 I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.

LEVAS 119; vs. 1-2
Croly/Atkinson

The Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Hymn after the Gospel

LEVAS 119; vs. 3-4

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Croly/Atkinson

- 3 Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.
- 4 Teach me to love thee as thine angels love.
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The kindling of the heav'n descended dove,
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

The Sermon

The Rev. Ann M. Ritonia

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.

(continued)

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

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

On this Episcopal Schools Celebration Sunday, as we honor the foundation for lifelong journeys of learning in faith, let us pray to the Lord saying, “In your wisdom, renew us and transform us, O God.”

We pray for the mission and witness of the Church, especially as it is expressed in the life of Episcopal Schools. May we embody your love in study, worship and friendship; embrace your image in diversity and creativity; and reflect your goodness in serving the needs of the world.

In your wisdom, *renew us and transform us, O God.*

We pray for leaders of our nation; for Donald, our President; the Congress of the United States; the United Nations; Larry, our Governor; Allen, our County Executive and all who exercise authority. May they be diligent in seeking understanding, discerning in action, and persistent in their work towards justice and peace.

In your wisdom, *renew us and transform us, O God.*

We pray for your creation and for our connection to all that you have made. May we accept our responsibilities as stewards with awe and abiding commitment, and care for the earth as you care for us.

In your wisdom, *renew us and transform us, O God.*

We pray in thanksgiving for the mission of St. John’s Parish Day School. For our faculty and staff, our board of trustees, our students and their families. May you bless them together in the ministry of nurturing each child’s full potential. The flowers on the altar are given in honor of the Faculty & Staff of St. John’s Parish Day School. The birth candle is lit in thanksgiving for the birth of Cora Adeline Kilcur.

In your wisdom, *renew us and transform us, O God.*

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. For the people of Puerto Rico and for all impacted by recent natural disasters; for those who live in anxiety and fear, especially for the people of the Korean peninsula; for all who struggle with poverty, illness and pain. May your healing and reconciling love open up means for the care and compassion of many to make what is broken whole.

In your wisdom, *renew us and transform us, O God.*

Today especially we pray for those injured and killed in Nevada and for all victims of gun violence. With no words to fully express our anger or our sadness, and yet with hope in you and your promises of new life, we share an extended moment of silence.

(silence)

In your wisdom, *renew us and transform us, O God.*

We pray for all who have died, especially Meeyoung Chung, in whose name the flowers in the windows are given and for Cindy Cummins, that increasing in knowledge and love of you, they may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom, and that all who mourn may have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come.

In your wisdom, *renew us and transform us, O God.*

(The Celebrant will add a concluding Collect.)

The Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

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

God who made the earth and heaven

Welsh Melody

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

Jesus Christ the apple tree

Elizabeth Poston

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

Earth and all stars

H 412; vs. 1, 3, 5, 6

Earth and All Stars

1 Earth and all stars,
 loud rushing planets,
sing to the Lord a new song!
 O victory,
 loud shouting army,
sing to the Lord a new song!
 He hath done marvelous things.
 I, too, will praise him with a new song!

3 Trumpet and pipes,
 loud clashing cymbals,
sing to the Lord a new song!
 Harp, lute, and lyre,
 loud humming cellos,
sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

5 Classrooms and labs,
 loud boiling test-tubes,
sing to the Lord a new song!
 Athlete and band,
 loud cheering people,
sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

6 Knowledge and truth,
 loud sounding wisdom,
sing to the Lord a new song!
 Daughter and son,
 loud praying members,
sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

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

Toccata

John Leavitt

+ 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*
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