



St. John's Episcopal Church
The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 13, 2024 ~10am

Prelude

Entrance Hymn #372 ~ *Praise to the Living God*

Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.
The one eternal God ere aught that now appears:
the first, the last, beyond all thought his timeless years!

Formless, all lovely forms declare his loveliness;
holy, no holiness of earth can his express.
Lo, he is Lord of all. Creation speaks his praise,
and everywhere above, below, his will obeys.

His Spirit floweth free, high surging where it will:
in prophet's word he spoke of old: he speaketh still.
Established is his law, and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, on land.

Eternal life hath he implanted in the soul;
his love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll.
Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same.

Opening Words

God, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel

In you our ancestors trusted: they trusted you, and you delivered them.

To you they cried, and they were saved; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

God, you are holy. All praise to you, now and forever!

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.*

The Gloria

1982 Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth,
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

The Collect

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament

[Job 23:1-9, 16-17](#)

Job said:

"Today also my complaint is bitter;

his hand is heavy despite my groaning.

Oh, that I knew where I might find him,

that I might come even to his dwelling!

I would lay my case before him,

and fill my mouth with arguments.

I would learn what he would answer me,

and understand what he would say to me.

Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?

No; but he would give heed to me.

There an upright person could reason with him,
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.
"If I go forward, he is not there;
or backward, I cannot perceive him;
on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.
God has made my heart faint;
the Almighty has terrified me;
If only I could vanish in darkness,
and thick darkness would cover my face!"

Leader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm
Psalm 90

Response: **Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!**

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants.
Response: **Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, That we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
Make us glad, for the days when you afflicted us, For the years when we saw evil.
Response: **Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!**

Let your work be seen by your servants And your glory by their children;
And may the gracious care of the Lord our God be ours; Prosper the works of our hands for us!
Response: **Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia (3x)**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia (3x)**

The Gospel
Mark 10:17-31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth."

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Sermon

The Rev. John Beach

The Nicene Creed

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

Sometimes the troubles of the world seem impossible to address, and the burdens of our lives seem too much for us to bear. Yet we trust that, for God, all things are possible. God alone can save us. Therefore we are bold to pray, saying, God of mercy, be gracious to us.

We pray for peace among nations, food for the hungry, justice for the poor, and a life of dignity for all people.

God of mercy, **be gracious to us.**

We pray for new life in the church, fresh energy in mission, faithfulness in ministry, and reconciliation in the body of Christ.

God of mercy, **be gracious to us.**

We pray for the welfare of this community, safe streets and homes, good schools and jobs, and the spirit of love among neighbors.

God of mercy, **be gracious to us.**

We pray for the healing of all who suffer, remembering especially Elin Babin, Ron, Paul Brophy, Maureen Burke, Norma Cahill, Marie Conners, Barbara Cox, Sue Croft, Don DiGiacomo, Laura DiTrapano, Beth (Manoogian) DuPlessie, Jim & Tim Eldridge, Joanne Felci, Paul Felci, Ruth Garrett, Peggy Gibbs, Allison Gray, Patti Greene-Botticeli, Jerica Hamre, Will Hare, Carolyn Hashem, Tom Hashem, Bruce Higgins, Louis Hoelzl, Larry Kamp & Family, Doris Kelly, Jeanne Kelly-Smith, Janet Lancaster, Rachel Lesch, Melissa McSheffery, Matt, Lori, Mary & Dante, Bobby Miller, Harriet Miraglia, Erica Moore, Gisela Moore, Jeanine Morris, Fran Muise, Sara Murray, Carol Patroli, Kathy Pothier, Keelan Pothier, Shirley Raithel, Debbie Rossetti, Sandy St. Clair, David St. Clair, Nancy Scarry, Terrie Sevier, Ray Shaw, Malcolm Silva, Gail Smith, Dom Tello, Joanie Tello, Jill Vaccaro & Family, Viviana, Kathy Webber, Nancy White, Walter, Lizzi, and Rachel; comfort the afflicted, bring hope for the despairing, and strengthen those who care for them.

God of mercy, **be gracious to us.**

We pray for departed loved ones and friends, especially members of the Jervis Family: John, Ada, Elmer, Albert, Nora, and Edna Jervis Pheulpin; Susan Perry and Frank L. Perry Jr.; George & Ruth Collins, and Victoria Bidmead; let us be consoled in knowing they have been received into your peaceful, heavenly kingdom.

God of mercy, **be gracious to us.**

O God in whom all things are possible, we commend these prayers to you and commit our lives to seek your will through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Invitation to Confession

We have a great high priest who can sympathize with our weakness: Jesus, God's Son, our Savior. Therefore with confidence, let us confess our sin.

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.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Invitation for offering

As followers of Jesus, we are called to give ourselves for others as Jesus has given himself for us. With gratitude for Christ's grace, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Prayer over the Gifts

God of constant love, in this eucharist you renew the covenant made once with us in baptism. As you are faithful in all things may we, in our offering be faithful to our calling. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Offertory Anthem

Doxology

1982 Hymnal #380 (vs. 3 only)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Officiant: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us.

When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

#S130 ~ *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

**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.

Officiant: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, 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 healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Officiant: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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

Fraction Anthem

1982 Hymnal #S155 ~ *Christ, our Passover*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

The Officiant invites the following prayer to be said by all.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Officiant The Gifts of God for the People of God. This is God's table, and everyone is welcome here.

Distribution of Communion

Faithful God, in baptism and eucharist we are made one with you. May we, who have shared in holy things always bear witness to your covenant, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

Blessing

May God, the source of life, energize you with the Spirit, the power of life, and fill you with Christ, the bread of life, that you may receive eternal life. The Peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen

Closing Hymn #362 ~ *Holy, holy, holy*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Dismissal

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Announcements/Reminders

Roast Beef Dinner ~ Saturday, Nov. 9th

For pricing, more details, and to easily purchase tickets for this limited-seating event, please visit St. John's Square site: <https://st-johns-church-saugus.square.site> - our first seating is at **4:30pm** and the second seating begins at **6:30pm**.

This is an **in-house** dinner and will be held *downstairs* in the banquet hall, (not Ashworth Hall). Each meal includes one portion of thin-sliced roast beef w/ mushroom demi-glace, roasted red potatoes, green bean almandine, dinner roll, salad, apple crisp, and a beverage. We are also offering an alternate entrée of Eggplant Parmesan. Adult and children's tickets are firmly limited to 60 people per seating. Purchase your tickets early as we expect it to sell out quickly! ☺

Late Addition:

Google Calendar

For those who may not be aware, St. John's has an online Google calendar, which can be viewed by visiting the church's website: StJohnsSaugus.org. At the top of our home page, there is a horizontal menu; go to 'Resources', and a drop-down menu will appear. The first item listed is the 'Calendar', where upcoming events can be viewed and shows when space has been reserved. Please contact the office with any questions - thank you.

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