



**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 20, 2024 ~10am**

**Prelude**

**Entrance Hymn**

*#470~There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.  
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;  
there is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood.

There is no place where Earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where Earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.  
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;  
there joy for all the members in the sorrow of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word;  
and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

**Opening Words**

Praise the Lord, for God is great indeed! Let us sing praises for God's glorious works.  
**We give glory, honor, and thanksgiving for the Lord, who makes and sustains all things.**

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

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations:  
Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with  
steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Old Testament

[Job 38:1-7, \(34-41\)](#)

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:  
"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?  
Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.  
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?  
On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone  
when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

["Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,  
so that a flood of waters may cover you?  
Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go  
and say to you, 'Here we are'?  
Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,  
or given understanding to the mind?

Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?  
Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,  
when the dust runs into a mass  
and the clods cling together?

“Can you hunt the prey for the lion,  
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,  
when they crouch in their dens,  
or lie in wait in their covert?  
Who provides for the raven its prey,  
when its young ones cry to God,  
and wander about for lack of food?”]

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

The Psalm

**Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19,20,22**

**Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Upright is the word of the Lord, And his works are trustworthy.  
He loves justice and right; Of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full.  
Refrain

See, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him, Upon those who hope for his kindness.  
To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.  
Refrain

Our soul waits for the Lord, Who is our help and our shield  
May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us who have put our hope in you.  
Refrain

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

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The Gospel

**Mark 10:35-45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for

you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

### 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

*Silence is kept after each petition*

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, you are our high priest who offered yourself for us with your prayers and tears, your very body. Help us to pray and offer supplications for ourselves and our community.

*Silence*

We pray for the local, national, and global church - that it might exhibit the way of service in faith and love.

*Silence*

We pray for the international community - that it might learn the way of peace.

*Silence*

We pray for anyone who suffers, especially Elin Babin, Ron, Paul Brophy, Maureen Burke, Norma Cahill, Marie Connors, Barbara Cox, Sue Croft, Don DiGiacomo, LauraDiTrapano, 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, JeanneKelly-Smith, Janet Lancaster, Rachel Lesch, Melissa McSheffery, Matt, Lori, Mary & Dante, Bobby Miller, Harriet Miraglia, Erica Moore, Gisela Moore, Jeanine Morris, Fran Muise, SaraMurray, 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, KathyWebber, Nancy White, Walter, Lizzi, and Rachel.

*(You are invited to offer the names of those for whom we will pray).*

We pray for the earth - help us to be proper stewards of your creation.

*Silence*

We remember those who have come to their eternal rest, especially Dorothy Tarr, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Spinney, Mary & Arthur Spinney, Jr., Robert & Muriel Locke, Arthur & Margaret Ellison, Jean Bedrosian, Roberta Clough, Frank Bangs, Taryn Morrissey, and Rosemarie Johnson.

*Silence*

We lift up in silence, any prayers we hold in the corners of our hearts - for you know and understand all things.

*Silence*

We ask all these things in the name of our Creator, our servant-priest Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Invitation to Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, trusting in the mercy of our Lord

**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

God is ever faithful and has blessed us with so much. With grateful hearts, let us offer back to God what we have, with love and thanksgiving.

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Eternal God, your word inspires our faith. May we who offer you our praise trust you in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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**

1982Hymnal #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

God our guide, you have fed us with bread of heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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                      #680 ~ *O God, our Help in Ages Past*

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;  
they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

## Dismissal

Leader Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

## Announcements/Reminders

### Vestry Meeting

The Vestry gathers after worship today at 11:30, and observers are welcome.  
If you wish to view it online, please refer to the worship link.

### Reminder: 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. Feel free to contact the parish office with any questions.

### Counting

We plan to count next Sunday, the 27th - kindly forward any memorial gifts, pledges, or other donations to the church office beforehand. Thank you!

### Participants in this Service:

The Rev. John Beach, Priest-in-Charge  
Stephen Sikorski, Music Director  
Sandy St. Clair, Worship Leader ~ Janice Webber, L.E.M.

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