

# St. John's Episcopal Church



## The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 ~ 10am

### Prelude

Entrance Hymn #388 ~ *O worship the King, all Glorious from above! (verses 1-3 & 5)*

O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing his power and his love!  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on his wings of the storm.

The earth, with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,  
hath established it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies how tender! how firm to the end!  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

## Call to Worship

*Officiant:* Worship the Lord with jubilant hearts-

*People:* **Not to please one another, but to praise our God!**

*Officiant:* Worship the Lord with jubilant minds-

*People:* **Not to gratify our neighbor, but to glorify God!**

**All:** **Worship the Lord with your heart, sould, and mind! Come let us worship the Lord!**

## 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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Psalm 23 *Verses sung by cantor; refrain sung by all*

Refrain: **I love you Lord, my strength**

My God, my rock of refuge, My shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!  
Praised be the Lord, I exclaim, And I am safe from my enemies

**Refrain**

The Lord lives and blessed be my rock! Extolled be God my savior  
You who gave great victories to your king And showed kindness to your anointed.

**Refrain**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

*Whoever loves me will keep my word says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.*

**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

## The Gospel

**Matthew 22:34-46**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,  
"Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies under your feet"?'

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

## 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

For the sake of all that is needed by Earth, its people, and our churches; let us pray saying, Holy God, hear our prayer.

For people of faith in every land, in every religion, and in every home,  
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For the church of Christ,  
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For world leaders, peacekeepers, diplomats, and government workers,  
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For farmers in this harvest time and those who fish and hunt, for those who ship and store what is gathered, and for those who cook and serve,  
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For children in school, teachers, and parents, and for those who have no schools,  
Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit; especially Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Elin Babin, David Bell, Ron, Paul Brophy, Norma Cahill, Marie Connors, Barbara Cox, Don DiGiacomo, Robin Dix, Beth (Manoogian) DuPlessie, Jim & Tim Eldridge, Joanne Felci, Paul Felci, Ruth Garrett, Peggy Gibbs, Allison Gray, Patti Greene-Botticeli, Carolyn Hashem, Tom Hashem, Bruce Higgins, Louis Hoelzl, Doris Kelly, Jeanne Kelly-Smith, Phyllis Laidlaw, Dennis Lancaster, Janet Lancaster, Rachel Lesch, Robert Long, Melissa McSheffery, Janet Macrina, Matt, Lori M., Mary & Dante, Harriet Miraglia, Erica Moore, Gisela Moore, Jeanine Morris, Fran Muise, Sara Murray, Sandy St. Clair, David St. Clair, Nancy Scarry, Terrie Sevier, Ray Shaw, Malcolm Silva, Gail Smith, Diane Walker, Nancy White, Walter, Baby Viviana, and Rachel,

*Silence*

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have died; Robert & Elsie Ashley, and Ralph Fairchild,

*Silence*

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

For the concerns of heart which we bring to this worship,

*Silence*

Holy God, **hear our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers, O Lord and pray that they might be the means by which we grow closer to you and thereby grow closer to each other.

*Officiant*      Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*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.**

*Absolution*

May God almighty grant you forgiveness of all your sins. God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all. Reconciled to the God who loves us, let us live and love through Christ our Lord.

### **The Peace**

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

## Invitation to the Offering

God is unfailing in blessing and love. With thankful hearts, let us offer up to God a portion of what God is given us.

## The Holy Communion

### Choral Anthem

### 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.

### 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.**

Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another so that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.  
*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

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

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.

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

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.

*By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

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:

*Minister and People*

**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* 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,  
*We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

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.

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

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

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

*Officiant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

### The Invitation to Holy Communion

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving 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.

### Fraction Anthem

1982 Hymnal #S 155 ~ *Christ, our Passover*

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



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

### Distribution of Communion

#### Post-communion Prayer

God our guide, you have fed us with bread from 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 together.

*People*            **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 the Lord who made heaven and earth,  
The Christ who lived and died for all,  
And the Spirit who renews our mind and hearts  
Abide with you and all God's people, now and forever.  
Amen.

#### Recessional Hymn            #688 ~ *A Mighty Fortress is our God* (verses 1-3)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:  
for still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing:  
dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabaoth his Name, from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us;  
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us;  
the prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,  
one little word shall fell him.

### Dismissal

*Officiant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Postlude

### Announcement(s)

#### The Roast Beef Dinner

Most sincere thanks to everyone who helped with the dinner – over 125 meals sold!  
From set-up to clean-up and everything in between, the diligent efforts of Fritz and  
the crew made this event possible. **Great job!**

#### All Saints' Day

Please forward all names to be remembered for All Saints' Sunday (November 5<sup>th</sup>) to the  
office no later than **Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** - thank you.

### Participants in this Service:

The Rev. John Beach, Priest-in-Charge  
Stephen Sikorski, Music Director  
Sandy St. Clair, Worship Leader & Stephen Belyea, Verger & L.E.M.

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