



**St. John's Episcopal Church
Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
October 4th, 2020**

Opening Words

Celebrant This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.
People **Glory to God. Amen**

Opening Hymn #405 ~ *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect for St. Francis

Most high, omnipotent good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy. O God, you have made us and all living things. You are even more wonderful than what you have made. We thank you for giving us these pets who bring us joy. As you take care of us, so also we ask your help that we might take care of those who trust us to look after them. By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

The Creation Story (Abbreviated from Genesis 1:1-34)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and a great dimness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. On the first day, God created light and darkness. On the second day, God created the sky above and the waters below. On the third day, God formed the land and called it Earth, and gathered the water and called it Sea. God blessed the earth with vegetation and food. On the fourth day, God separated the day from the night, creating the sun, the moon, and the stars. On the fifth day, God brought forth swarms of living creatures in the air, in the water, and on the land, and God bid them to be fruitful and multiply. On the sixth day, God created humankind in God's image, giving them dominion over the animals. God blessed them and bid them to be fruitful and multiply. On the seventh day, God saw that everything that God had made was very good and God rested and blessed the seventh day and made it sacred.

Prayer of St. Francis

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me bring love
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in You

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness ever joy

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
Or to be loved as to love with all my soul
Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
It is in giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we are born to eternal life

Leader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, God of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, God, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Creator; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal God. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Leader The Gospel of the Savior.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. John Beach

The Prayers

Leader Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us
 and for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women;

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets;

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader That each pet here may be treasured with care;
People **We pray to you, Lord.**

Leader That we may love and honor all your works, O God;
People **We pray to you, Lord.**

Leader That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation;
People **To the honor and glory of your name, now and forever, we pray to you, Lord.
Amen.**

The Blessing of the Animals

May you be blessed in the Name God, the Creator, Redeemer and of the Sustainer. May you and your animals enjoy life together and find joy with the God who created you. Amen.

The Peace

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

The Prayers of the People

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Alan, Gayle and Bud; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Let us pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially William & Jean Bentley, Robert & Eva Bentley, Louis & Mary Anthony, Priscilla Anthony, Matthew & Dorothy Connors, Homer & Marguerite Simmons, James & Doris Smith, and Dorothy Ambrose.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially St. Francis whom we remember today. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own way.

These prayers we offer through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Confession of Sin

Celebrant says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

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.**

Anthem during the preparation of the Altar

The Holy Communion

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of truth, receive all we offer you this day. May we share in the wisdom of your eternal Word, made known at this Eucharistic table. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the incarnate Word.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right to do so.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant 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.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, 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 stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

Celebrant As our Savior, Christ has taught us, let us pray.

People and Celebrant

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Behold the gifts prepared by the Teacher who ate with sinners: Draw near to the banquet of mercy, partake of the feast of forgiveness.

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 presider 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.

Behold the living bread come down from heaven: Those who eat of it will never die.

Anthem during Communion

Prayer after Communion

O God, your Word is the light of our pilgrimage, the end and fulfilment of our knowledge. May we who have known him in the breaking of bread await in love the dawning of his radiance, the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Blessing

*Life is short,
And we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who
make the journey with us.
So be swift to love,
and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of God,
who made us, who loves us,
and who travels with us
be with you now and forever.
AMEN*

Celebrant Eager to proclaim and share God's reconciling love, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Concluding Hymn #450 ~ *All Hail the Power of Jesus's Name! (verses 1- 3)*

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate
fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and
crown him Lord of all! bring forth the royal
diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Crown him ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar
call; praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!

Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did
call; the God incarnate, Man divine, and
crown him Lord of all! the God incarnate,
Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!

Weekly Prayer List

Maureen Burke, Annelies Caggiano, Gia Capello, Carolyn Chadsey, Armand Couture, Jr., Jerry Dello Russo, Don DiGiacomo, Oriol Pi-Sunyer, Jim Dockery, Pat & Tim Eldridge, Claire Errico, Joanne Felci, Ruth Garrett, Peggy Gibbs, Gary Goodwin, Estelle Heath, Bruce Higgins, Michele Hoelzl, Jeanne Kelly-Smith, Hilary Lancaster, Kevin Lancaster Jr., Lisa Lancaster, Shane Maxwell, Kevin McGinnis, Matt, Lori M., Gisela Moore, Jeanine Morris, Fran Muise, Sara Murray (and deeply affected families), Bill St. Clair, David St. Clair, Nancy Scarry, Jeanne Seaboyer, Bo Shaw, Ray Shaw, Malcolm Silva, Gail Smith, Victoria Smith, Linda Sullivan, Meghan Tapley, Walter T., Susan Webb, Rachel W., and Candace Wormstead

Announcements

Lobster Roll Sale

In case you have not read the October newsletter, we will have a **lobster roll sale** on **Friday, Oct. 16th, from 7am - 12pm**. The price is the same as last year; \$12 for each, which includes one lobster roll, bag of chips, and a brownie.

The order deadline is **Tuesday, Oct. 13th**, and free local delivery is available for orders of five or more. Current safety/social-distancing/mask protocols will be in place. Please contact the office by phone or email: **781-233-1242** or **StJohnsSaugus@gmail.com**.

We appreciate your ongoing support!

Prayer List

Please help to keep our weekly prayer list current - kindly notify the office of any changes or additions. *Thank you.*

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Hello Everyone!

I'm hoping this is finding you well. Although the pandemic has abbreviated our efforts a bit, I am happy to say that *Every Child Deserves to Smile* has continued its efforts to serve the folks at the motel with much needed items. Currently microwavable foods, snacks, juice boxes, utensils, paper goods, baby wipes and diapers (sizes Newborn, 5 & 6) top the list of desired items. To help put a Halloween smile on the children's faces, we will also be collecting Halloween treat bag items-- Halloween pencils & novelty items, individually wrapped, snack size candies, and fruit cups-- from **October 1 - 25**. The goodies will be delivered to the motel the week preceding Halloween. Please contact me by calling St. John's at 781-233-1242 or [jmseaboyer\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:jmseaboyer(at)gmail.com) if you would like to contribute or with any questions.

Thank you all for all you do and for making it possible to continue the good works of this ministry.

Stay well one and all!
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