



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
ESSEX, NY

~ St. John's Church ~  
Sunday Service 10:00 am  
July 9, 2023

Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell  
Officiant

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Loose Plate Offering  
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The Eucharistic Rite of the Anglican Church of  
Kenya

As we gather for worship, let us recognize and acknowledge that our bodies  
walk, pray and live in the hills and valleys that have been and continue to be  
the traditional, ancestral and unceded homeland of the Abenaki people.

JOIN OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP BY ZOOM

Prelude:

### Processional Hymn 11

Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
thy daily stage of duty run;  
shake off dull sloth, and early rise  
to pay thy morning sacrifice.

Lord, I my vows to Thee renew.  
Disperse my sins as morning dew;  
guard my first springs of thought and will;  
and with Thyself my spirit fill.

Direct, control, suggest, this day,  
all I design or do or say,  
that all my pow'rs, with all their might,  
in Thy sole glory may unite.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heav'only host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### The Preparation

*All who are able stand as the altar party processes into the church,  
then the Celebrant says: The Lord be with you.*

*People:*       **And also with you**

*Celebrant:*   The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it

*People:*       **Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad**

*Celebrant:*   Our help is in the name of the Lord

*People:*       **Who made heaven and earth**

*Celebrant:*   I was glad when they said to me

*People:*       **Let us go to the house of the Lord**

*Celebrant:*   Praise the Lord

*People:*       **The name of the Lord be praised**

*Celebrant:*   The Spirit is here

*People:*       **The Promise of God**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray

*All join in praying together:*

**Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts: cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* We stand to glorify the Lord. Glory to the Father.

*People:* **Glory to the Son.**

*Celebrant:* Glory to the Spirit

*People:* **For ever Three in One**

*Celebrant:* Be glorified at home

*People:* **Be glorified in Church**

*Celebrant:* Be glorified in New York

*People:* **Be glorified in America**

*Celebrant:* Be glorified on earth

*People:* **Be glorified in heaven**

*Celebrant:* Glory to the Father

*People:* **Glory to the Son**

*Celebrant:* Glory to the Spirit

*People:* **For ever Three in One**

*Celebrant:* Hallelujah

*People:* **Amen**

*All join in singing together:*

**Gloria in excelsis**

**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.**

*Celebrant:* As we gather, let us pray the prayer appointed for today.

### **The Collect**

**O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Ministry of the Word**

### **Old Testament Lesson**

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.  
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.  
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

*Lector:* This is the word of the Lord.

*People:* **Hallelujah. Praise be to God.**

### **The Psalm**

Psalm 145:8-15

*Exaltabo te, Deus*

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
**slow to anger and of great kindness.**

The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
**and his compassion is over all his works.**

All your works praise you, O Lord, \*  
**and your faithful servants bless you.**

They make known the glory of your kingdom \*  
**and speak of your power;**

That the peoples may know of your power \*  
**and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; \*  
**your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words \*  
**and merciful in all his deeds.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
**he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

### **The Epistle**

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want

I DO NOT understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

*Lector:* This is the word of the Lord.

*People:* **Hallelujah. Praise be to God.**

#### **Gradual Hymn 692, v. 1 & 2**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto Me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
thy head upon My breast!"**

**I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary worn and sad;  
I found in Him a resting-place,  
and He has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down, and drink, and live!"**

**I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in Him.**

*Celebrant: We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel of Saint Matthew, Chapter 9, beginning to read at verse 9.*

### **The Gospel (Celebrant)**

#### **Matthew**

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; 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 him.

"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."

***Celebrant: This is the Gospel of Christ***

***People: Hallelujah. Praise to Christ our Saviour.***

**Gradual Hymn 692, v. 3**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's Light;  
look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright!"**

**I looked to Jesus, and I found**

**I LOOKED TO JESUS, AND I FOUND  
in Him my Star, my Sun;**

### **Sermon The Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell**

#### **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 and catholic 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.**

#### **The Prayers**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Leader:* May the Bishops and leaders of our churches have wisdom and speak with one voice.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**



*Leader:* May the leaders of our country rule with righteousness.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Leader:* May justice be our shield and defender.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Leader:* May the country have peace and the people be blessed.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Leader:* May the flocks and the herds prosper and the fish abound in our lakes.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Leader:* May the fields be fertile and the harvest plentiful.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Leader:* May we and our enemies turn towards peace.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Leader:* May the love of the Father touch the lonely, the bereaved and the suffering.\*

We pray especially for: Jeff, Bill, Cory, Eugene, Carolyn, Sarah, Lynne, Rae, Aaron, Matt, Geoffrey, Arthur, Anne, Stanley, Bobby, Trish, Eve, Bob, Eddie, Judy, Abra, Noa, Lillian, Hazel, Thomas, Matt, Mike, Chris, Beverly, Jill, Nancy, Louise, Cheryl, Olivia, Larry and Steven.

*People:* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Leader:* May the path of the world be swept of all dangers.

*People:* **Hallelujah. The Lord of Mercy is with us.**

Please add your own prayers or intercessions.

### **The Prayers of Penitence**

*Celebrant:* Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who follow Him: *Come unto me all who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)*

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbours, and intend to live a new life following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you.

Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

**All: Almighty God, Creator of all,  
you marvelously made us in your image.**

you marvelously made us in your image,  
but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness  
by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours.  
We have done wrong and neglected to do right  
We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins.  
Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son;  
Remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Almighty God,  
whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above  
the earth, remove your sins from you, as far as the east is from  
the west,  
strengthen your life in his kingdom and keep you upright to the last  
day; through Jesus Christ, our merciful High Priest.

**All:** Amen. Thank you, Father, for forgiveness. We come to your table  
as your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves  
but your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for  
our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus  
Christ the Righteous. Amen.

### **The Sharing of the Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

### **Announcements**

### **Prayer for Anniversaries and Birthdays**

**Birthdays this week are:  
Charles Persell**

Watch over our sisters and brothers, O Lord, as their days increase;  
bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when  
they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them  
up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all  
understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT**

## Offertory Hymn 505

**O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,  
in ev'ry need thou bring us aid,  
proceeding forth from heaven's throne,  
from God, the Father and the Son;  
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.**

**O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,  
increase our faith in our dear Lord;  
unless your grace the pow'r should give,  
none can believe in Christ and live;  
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.**

**O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,  
make us to love your sacred word;  
the holy flame of love impart,  
that charity may warm each heart;  
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.**

**O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,  
enlighten us by that same word;  
teach us to know God's radiant love,  
lead us to Christ who reigns above;  
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.**

## Doxology 380

**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.**

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## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* Is the Father with us?

*People:* **He is.**

*Celebrant:* Is Christ among us?

*People:* **He is.**

*Celebrant:* Is the Spirit here?

*People:* **She is.**

*Celebrant:* This is our God.  
*People:* **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

*Celebrant:* We are his people.  
*People:* **We are redeemed.**

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world Creator, Provider, Saviour and Giver.

From a wandering nomad you created your family;  
for a burdened people you raised up a leader;  
for a confused nation you chose a king,  
for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets.

In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your kingdom, revealing your will, dying, rising, reigning, remaking your people for yourself.

Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying.

*People:* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, Owner of all things, We thank you for giving up your only son to die on the cross for us who owe you everything. Pour your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember him in the way he commanded, through these gifts of your creation. On the same night that he was betrayed he took bread and gave you thanks: he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

*People:* **Amen. His body was broken for us.**

*Celebrant:* In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave thanks: he gave it to them, saying, "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. Do this as often as you drink it. in the remembrance of me."

**People:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**Celebrant:** We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

**People:** We have died together, We will rise together, We will live together.

**Celebrant:** Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Brother, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted his offering by raising him from death, and granting him great honour at your right hand on high.

**People:** Amen. Jesus is Lord.

**Celebrant:** This is the feast of victory!

**People:** The lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Hallelujah!

### The Communion

**Celebrant:** As Jesus taught us, so we pray:

**All:** Our Father in heaven,  
holy be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Do not bring us to the test,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

**Celebrant:** Christ is alive for ever.

**People:** We are because he is.

**Celebrant:** We are one body.

**People:** We share one bread.

**Celebrant:** Draw near with faith.

**People:** Christ is the host and we are his guests.

**Celebrant:** The body of our Lord, Jesus Christ which was given for you

*Celebrant:* The body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you,  
keep your body and soul in eternal life;  
take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you,  
keep your body and soul in eternal life.  
Drink this, in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for  
you and be thankful.

## **AFTER COMMUNION**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**All: O God of our ancestors, God of our people,  
Before whose face the human generations pass away:  
We thank you that in you we are kept safe for ever,  
and that the broken fragments of our history are gathered up  
in the redeeming act of your dear Son,  
remembered in this holy sacrament of bread and wine.  
Help us to walk daily in the Communion of Saints,  
declaring our faith in the forgiveness of sins  
and the resurrection of the body.  
Now send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit  
to live and work for your praise and glory. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

The people accompany the first three responses with a sweep of the arm  
towards the cross behind  
the Altar, and their final response with a sweep towards heaven.

*Celebrant:* All our problems

**People: We send to the cross of Christ.**

*Celebrant:* All our difficulties

**People: We send to the cross of Christ.**

*Celebrant:* All the devil's works

**People: We send to the cross of Christ.**

*Celebrant:* All our hopes

**People: We set on the risen Christ.**

*Celebrant:* Christ the Sun of righteousness shine upon you  
and scatter the darkness from before your path:  
and the blessing of God Almighty, ☩ Father, Son and Holy Spirit

be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

### **Recessional Hymn 482**

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares can destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Go out into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### **Postlude**

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" by Thomas Dorsey

Precious Lord, take my hand  
lead me on, help me stand  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm,  
through the night,  
lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way, grows drear,  
precious Lord linger near,  
when my life, is almost gone;  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.

hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall,  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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