



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ESSEX, NY

St. John's Episcopal Church
Essex, NY

11 PENTECOST

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 14

Holy Communion

In-Person & Zoom Worship

August 13, 2023 ☐ 10:00 A.M.

The Very Rev Diane Nancekivell

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**The Rite of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and
Polynesia**

As we gather for worship, let us recognize and acknowledge that our bodies
walk, move and live in the hills and valleys that have been and continue to be

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.

Prelude

The Gathering of the Community

All who are able, stand to sing

Processional

Hymn 435

**At the name of Jesus
ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.**

**At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
cherubim in heaven,
stars upon their way,
all the heav'nly orders
in their great array.**

**Humbled for a season
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed;**

**Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
thro' all ranks of creatures
to the central height,**

to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast,
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

The Celebrant says: Grace and peace to you from God.

People: **God fill you with truth and joy.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **The Lord bless you.**

Celebrant: This is the day which the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of
our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may
truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through our
Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

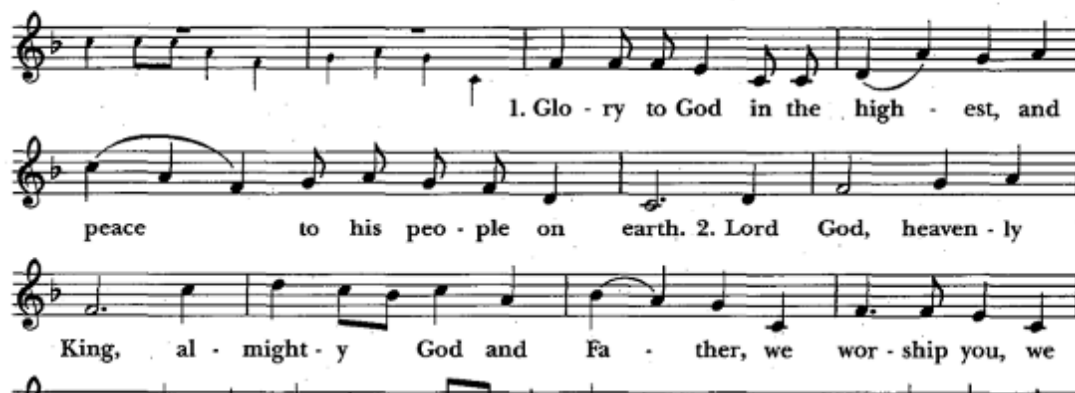
All sing together

Gloria S280

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Canticle 20

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The presiding priest says:

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins. *Silence*

Let us confess our sins.

**Merciful God,
 we have sinned
 in what we have thought and said,
 in the wrong we have done
 and in the good we have not done.
 We have sinned in ignorance:
 we have sinned in weakness:
 we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
 We are truly sorry.
 We repent and turn to you.**

**Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Absolution *is declared by the presiding priest.*

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day *(said by all, in unison)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

COLLECT

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Proclamation

All are seated for the reading of scripture. A short period of silence follows each reading.

Old Testament Lesson

1 Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but

the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm **Psalm 85:8-13**

Benedixisti, Domine

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Epistle

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Hymn 249, vs. 1- 3

**To the name of our salvation
laud and honour let us pay,
which for many a generation
hid in God's foreknowledge lay,
but with holy exultation
we may sing aloud to-day.**

**Jesus is the name we treasure,
name beyond what words can tell;
name of gladness, name of pleasure,
ear and heart delighting well;
name of sweetness passing measure,
saving us from sin and hell.**

**'Tis the name that whoso preacheth
speaks like music to the ear;
who in prayer this name beseecheth
sweetest comfort findeth near;
who its perfect wisdom reacheth
heavenly joy possesseth here.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People: **Praise and Glory to God.**

The Gospel **Matthew 14:22-23**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Celebrant: This is the Gospel of Matthew.

People: **Praise to Christ the Word.**

Gradual

Hymn 249, vs. 4

**Jesus is the name exalted
over every other name;
in this name, whene'er assaulted,
we can put our foes to shame:
strength to them who else had halted,
eyes to blind, and feet to lame.**

Sermon

The Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell

The Prayers of the People

The people stand or kneel as is their custom or take a posture of prayer as able. The presiding priest says:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

The intercessor then leads:

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.

Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

In the silence, particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered
This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of the West Indies and the church throughout the world.

Father, enliven the Church for its mission

that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world:

In the silence, particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for the community:

In the silence, particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

That all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need, especially:

Nancy P., Jeff, Peggy, 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 S., Louise, Cheryl, Olivia, Larry, Steven, Darcey, Carole, and any others you wish to add at this time.

In the silence, particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.
May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.
Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:
In the silence, particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.
Father, into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.
Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for St. John and all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.
May their example inspire and encourage us.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

In the silence, particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.

Dear Lord, grant us your wisdom and guidance as we embark upon our search process. Help us to humbly discern and accomplish your will for St. John's. We know this will be a challenging journey for all of us, but we pray that it will strengthen our faith, and our respect and love for each other. Help us to share more deeply our faith in you as we learn to listen to each other with open hearts and minds and to hear your voice in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. 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:
Addalynn Dawson**

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

All who are able, stand to sing

Offertory Hymn 636

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake.**

that you, though all men should forsake you to shame,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Doxology

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.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

The Preparation of the Gifts

The presiding priest says:

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory and the majesty. **All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.**

The holy table is prepared. The presiding priest takes sufficient bread and wine brought forward by representatives of the congregation. The offerings of the people are presented.

The Great Thanksgiving

The presiding priest says:

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us. When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to

life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit. Therefore, with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus

The Holy Eucharist II
Holy, holy, holy Lord

Sanctus

S 128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for 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, to remember me.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ;
your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim;
your coming we await;
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honor and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As Christ teaches us, we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the bread in silence and then says:

**The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

The Invitation

The priest invites the people saying:

**Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Savior Jesus
Christ in remembrance that he died for us. Let us feed on him in
our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.**

Communion

Thanksgiving and Sending Out

The presiding priest alone begins the prayer:

Almighty God, giver of all good things, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the precious body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We thank you for your love and care in assuring us of your gift of eternal life and uniting us with the blessed company of all faithful people.

Therefore, ever living God, keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship. And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are, to serve you faithfully in the world, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

The presiding priest gives a blessing to the congregation.

All who are able, stand to sing

Closing Hymn

Hymn 607

O God of every nation, of every race and land, redeem the whole creation with your mighty hand; where hate and fear divide us and bitter threats are hurled, in love and mercy guide us and heal our strife torn world.

From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right, from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night, from pride of race and nation and blindness to your way, deliver every nation, eternal For, we pray!

Lord, strengthen all who labor the we may find release from ear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase; when hope and courage falter, your still small voice be heard; with faith that none can alter,

your servants under gird.

**Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease, when
hatred and division give way to love and peace, till dawns the
morning glorious when truth and justice reign and Christ shall rule
victorious o'er all the world's domain.**

The Dismissal

The congregation is sent out with these words:

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Recessional/Postlude

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