



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ESSEX, NY

**St. John's Episcopal Church
Essex, NY**

PENTECOST 13

**Holy Communion
In-Person & Zoom Worship
August 27, 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, pray and live in the hills and valleys that have been and continue to be the traditional, ancestral and unceded homeland of the Mohawk people.

Prelude

The Gathering of the Community

All who are able, stand to sing

Processional Hymn 304

- 1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.**

- 2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.**

- 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.**

- 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known:
we see and praise him here.**

- 5. Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways
and as his people in the world
we'll live and speak his praise.**

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

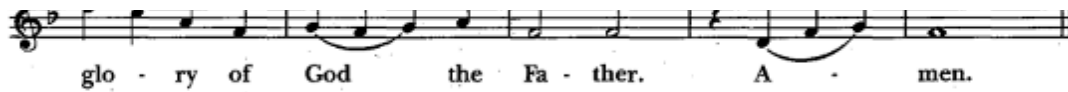
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Canticle 20

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



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, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory 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 Proclamation

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

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out

and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me,

and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,

and look at the earth beneath;

for the heavens will vanish like smoke,

the earth will wear out like a garment,

and those who live on it will die like gnats;

but my salvation will be for ever,

and my deliverance will never be ended.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm **Psalm 133**

Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *

because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.

7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.

9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands

The Epistle

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ

individually we are members one of another. we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Hymn 590, v.1&2

**1 O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising, in every city for your love and care;
inspire our worship, grant the glad surprising that your blest Spirit rouses everywhere.**

2 Grant us new courage, sacrificial, humble, strong in your strength to venture and to dare; to lift the fallen, guide the feet that stumble, seek out the lonely and God's mercy share.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Celebrant: This is the Gospel of Matthew.

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

Gradual

Hymn 590, v.3

3 Show us your spirit, brooding o'er each city,
as you once wept above Jerusalem,
seeking to gather all in love and pity,
and healing those who touch your garment's hem.

Sermon

The Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell

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 substance with the Father,
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made human.
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.
who with the Father and the Son, is worshipped and glorified
who 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.**

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 England 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:

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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:

Ron, Sarge, 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.

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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:

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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:

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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

All standing, the presiding priest says to the people:

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

The priest then continues:

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, we are the body of Christ.

People: **By one Spirit we were baptized into one body.**

Celebrant: Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

People: **Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.**

Announcements

Prayer for Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays this Week

Mike George

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 335, v. 1-3

1. I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger; they who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.

Refrain: And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.

2. The Bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world, and they who eat of this bread, they shall live for ever. Refrain.

3. Unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his Blood, you shall not have life within you. Refrain.

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 lifegiving 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 S128

The Holy Eucharist II

S 128

Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The lyrics are: 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.

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 522

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With
salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner, light by night, and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

4 Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in the Redeemer's blood! Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his people raises
over self to reign as kings:
and as priests, his solemn praises each for a thank-offering brings.

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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