



SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ASHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 20, 2024

Welcome to Saint John's!

Our mission at St. John's Church in Ashfield is to grow, through worship, in God's gospel of hospitality and wholeness, and to faithfully live that word in our fellowship, families, communities, and the world. May all who enter here be received as Christ.

An Acknowledgement

We worship and share God's mission on the unceded land of the Nipmuc, Pocumtuc, and Wabanaki peoples. We are mindful that our blessing came at the price of their sorrow and we pledge to grow in our awareness of racial injustice with God's help.

Invitation to Holy Communion

This is God's table. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To eat, present your hands to be given bread. To drink, take a sip as the cup is held to your lips. Dipping the bread into the wine is discouraged for reasons of public health. Be assured the risen Christ is present in each element. To receive only one is to receive the fullness of grace. To receive a blessing, instead of bread, cross your arms on your chest.

***Bold** text is said by the assembly*

**Stand as you are able*

Prelude “Two Voluntaries” Edward Elgar (1857-1934) Duane Nyman, Organist

Gathering Hymn* 1982 *Hymnal* #492, Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.

Gloria* S-278 Glory to God (Mathias)

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession 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.

First Reading

Isaiah 53:4-12

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our

transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 91:9-16 *Responsively by whole verse*

⁹ Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *

and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰ **There shall no evil happen to you, ***

neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge over you, *

to keep you in all your ways.

¹² **They shall bear you in their hands, ***

lest you dash your foot against a stone.

¹³ You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

¹⁴ **Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; ***

I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

¹⁶ **With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn* *Hymnal 1982 #420*, When in our music God is glorified

Gospel* Mark 10:35-45

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Vicki Ix

Shared silence

Nicene Creed*

Enriching Our Worship 1

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly 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 worshiped 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*

For Bishop Julia Whitworth and her co-workers in the Diocese of Massachusetts.
God of truth and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our nation that we may approach Election Day confident in the integrity of our
process and peacefully accept the results. God of truth and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For a permanent and transformative peace in the Middle East. God of truth and
mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our native neighbors who graciously share their culture and spirituality with all
who are willing to learn. God of truth and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those seeking a just wage, a safe place to sleep, or a nourishing meal. God of
truth and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those leaving incarceration this week that they may find housing, work and
welcome. God of truth and mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the sick and dying whom we name aloud. *Pause* God of truth and mercy, **hear
our prayer.**

For all who have left the body in the hope of the resurrection. God of truth and
mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Cycles of Prayer

I ask your prayers for those remembered in our cycles of prayer: In the Anglican cycle we pray for Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda. In our Diocesan cycle we pray for St. Stephen's, Westborough; The Episcopal Chaplaincy at Western Massachusetts Regional Women's Correctional Center; Daily Bread Food Pantry, Milford; Gideon's Garden, Great Barrington. In our town's cycle we pray for police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical first responders. Among our members and friends, we pray for Gary Partenheimer; Chris Pike; Meg and John Pinto; Michael and Coleman Pizziferi-Lynds; the Rev. Pam Porter and Brian Devriese; the Rev. Dr. Jill Rierdan; Don Robinson; and Susan Root. We pray for those who serve in the armed forces, including Richard Bromberg. And among our ministries we pray for our Hilltown Churches Food Pantry.

Amen

Presider concludes with a collect

Living God, may your will be done in us,
through us and for us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Confession of Sin*

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

God of all mercy,
**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,**

the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Silence may be kept.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace*

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements & Anointing for Healing

Co-Senior Wardens

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem #411-O bless the Lord, my soul (*St. Thomas*)

The Saint John's Madrigal Singers

Julia Meservey, Director

The Great Thanksgiving*

Enriching Our Worship 1

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus (*Holy, Holy, Holy*) S-125 (Proulx)

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

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The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have

freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with [blessed John, and] all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
we worship you our God and Creator
in voices of unending praise.

Prsider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever.

AMEN

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now 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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread S-161, Lamb of God (Hurd)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Armed Services Prayer Book, 2008

All Congregants: In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory.

Congregants online: Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to 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.

All Congregants: **Amen.**

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Duet *The English Hymnal* #232, Lord, who shall sit beside thee
TUNE: CHRISTUS DER IST MEIN LEBEN

Kevin Blanchard & Helena Snow

Post-communion Prayer*

Loving God,

**we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing *from St. Clare*

Live without fear:

your Creator has made you holy,
has always protected you,
and loves you as a mother.

Go in peace to follow the good road
and may God's blessing be with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Forth *WLP* #782, Gracious Spirit, give your servants

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Canzona" Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643) Duane Nyman, Organist

Join us for coffee and conversation!

Events

October 20: Vestry Meeting and Mutual Ministry Review

October 25: The Spiritual Parent at the Corner House 4-5pm

October 27: Offertory dedicated to Vicar's Discretionary Fund in Memory of Russell Williams

October 27: Holy Conversation 11:30am

October 29: Hilltown Churches Food Pantry

November 3: All Saints and Ingathering of United Thank Offering

November 3: Tea and Empathy 3pm

November 9: Diocesan Convention

November 10: Poetry Reading "Let Evening Come, poems and readings of solace" 3pm

November 11: Ring the Bells for Climate Change 11am

December 7: Love in a Backpack filling 2:30pm

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