



THE FEAST OF HOLY CROSS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020
9:00AM

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!
WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!



**WELCOME BACK!!!
WE ARE BLESSED TO SEE YOU!**

Facebook Live & Conference call are
available for this service in addition to the
in-person gathering.

Please remember to keep a distance of 6 ft between you
and others. Hand sanitizer stations are available at every
entrance and throughout the church. Masks **MUST** remain
on while on the property. Please help us by keeping
yourself and all of us safe!

The Holy Eucharist will be served in one kind (Bread only).
Please listen for instruction during the service.

Thank you!

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

(Per the Bishop, currently we will not be singing during services)

PRELUDE

24 Pieces in Freestyle – ‘Berceuse’

ORGAN PROCESSIONAL

‘Cross of Jesus’

(please stand as you are able)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross

and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 45:21-25

Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is no one besides me.

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: "To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear."

Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed.
In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm, 98, *Cantate Domino (responsively)*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.**
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 [Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.**

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

**8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

**10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

'Gospel Fanfare'

THE GOSPEL

John 12:31-36a

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of

Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev'd. Mark Brown

THE NICENE CREED (PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE)

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 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

Leader: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "**Lord, have mercy.**"

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops Andrew, Allen and Mary, and for all Priests, Deacons and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

For New York City, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For **Mother Rhoda, Fr. Lewis Marshall, Denise Ciluffo, Rick Rowe, Louis Jay Torchio and all those on our Parish Prayer List**; and for those suffering an illness of the mind, body and spirit let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died, especially the reposed souls of the over **200,000** we have lost to complications due to COVID-19, for **U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg** and for all those who have died from other illnesses in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

In thanksgiving, we offer prayers for all those celebrating birthdays this week especially **Elyne Padmore, Louis Jay Torchio and Milly Cino**; and for those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially **Michael and Todd Adams**.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

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.

THE ABSOLUTION

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a "socially distanced" sign of peace from their places either with a bow or a wave. As a reminder, please do not hug or shake hands.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

'Blessed Jesus, We are Here', J.S. Bach

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING A

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy

Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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.

Sanctus

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 Celebrant continues:

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.

The Celebrant continues:

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.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia!

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION

*Note: As mandated by The Bishop, only the Celebrant will administer Communion (Bread Only). The Clergy's hands have been properly washed and sanitized.
Please wait to be directed.*

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

'Lift High the Cross'

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

March, F. Peeters

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant and Preacher The Rev'd. Mark Brown

Deacon The Rev.d Deacon Geri Swanson

Eucharist Minister Hunter Jordan

Crucifier Allen Anderson

Thurifer Steven McCrimmon

Lector Edwina McCrimmon

Organist Stephen Hetzel

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASSISTANCE OR PASTORAL CARE – during these challenging and difficult times, we know things can be difficult. If you or a family member may be in need of assistance, have a prayer request or require pastoral care, please contact a member of The Vestry or call the Parish Office at (718) 447-1605 or Edwina McCrimmon at (347) 409-9892.

WEEKLY EVENING PRAYER – please join us each Thursday night from 7pm-7:30pm for Evening Prayer via Conference Call. To access the call, please dial **(978) 990-5000; Access Code: 893092**. The service bulletin is sent via email and posted on the St. John's website at www.stjohnssi.org under Service Schedule.

SUNDAY SERVICES – Sunday Services will be held at **9:00 AM** only until further notice. Please share your concerns and feedback to The Vestry. No coffee hour at this time.

CLERGY FOR ST. JOHN'S – It is official! We are currently in an active church for a Priest-in-Charge position. The Search Committee will provide us with new updates as they work with the Episcopal Diocese of New York. We ask your prayers for the Search Committee **(Gail, Chinelo, David, Vivian and Ray)** that God will reveal to us that Clergy who will lead, teach, guide, partner and bless the good people of St. John's, Canterbury House and our community. We encourage you to read the Parish Profile on the church website at: <https://www.stjohnssi.org/>.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION (BY ZOOM): If you are interested in joining Church of the Ascension on Wednesday's from 2:00pm-3:30pm for Bible Study (discussion – The Psalm of David), please contact Liz at admin@ascensionsi.org to be included on the distribution list.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS-CONTINUE

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF NEW YORK READS “HOW TO BE AN ANTIRACIST” BY IBRAM X. KENDI
The Richmond Inter-Parish Council (IPC) along with the 200 churches within the Episcopal Diocese of New York will participate and all are welcome and encourage to consider joining a reading and discussion group **(by ZOOM)**. Please see the tentative churches and schedule below.

You may join any of the reading groups below, however, once you sign up, you may not switch. Should you need assistance purchasing the book, please contact Edwina McCrimmon at (347) 409-9892.

Please see the group schedule below, sign-up contact information and starting dates, pending.

Monday's at 7pm – *Richmond Inter-Parish Council Group*

Tuesday's at 7pm – *Christ Church New Brighton*

Wednesday's at 7pm – *Church of the Ascension*

Wednesday's at 7pm – *Church of St. Andrew's*

Thursday's at 7pm – *St. Alban's*

Saturday's at 10:30 am – *St. Mary's*

SERMON NOTES

THANK YOU!

With grateful hearts and in thanksgiving, it is truly a blessing to have you back inside and to worship in person at St. John's. We know that these months have been difficult and lacking in our shared community and hospitality.

We appreciate you doing your part in following proper protocols to keep us all safe as we provide in person worship.

May God bless you and keep you and may we all be filled with Christ's joy as we continue to spread his message of **LOVE** and **HOPE** in the world!

The Vestry

*Michael Adams, Ray Gant, Susan Abraham-Jacob
Vivian Murray, David Sprosty, Agnes Trinity*

*Treasurer, Carol Thaten
Assistant Treasurer, Elyne Padmore*

Edwina McCrimmon, Warden

