



**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CHRIST THE KING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020
9:00AM**

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

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welcome

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

Adagio
Franck

ORGAN PROCESSIONAL

(please stand as you are able)

Lead on, O King Eternal

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 and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 100, *Jubilate Deo* (responsively)

- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 **Know this: The Lord himself is God; ***
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

**4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1: 15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

O Filii et Filiae

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25: 31-46

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand,

'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s) Andrew, Allen and Mary; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed especially for the more than 240,000 souls who have died from complications due to COVID-19 or other illness.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those who suffer from any grief, trouble, or illness especially **Mother Rhoda, Rick Rowe, Arthur Ellwell, Trevor Chase, Jennifer Sprosty, John Owens and all those on our prayer list.** We also pray for those who are suffering from COVID-19, for all teachers, students, principals and staff

Silence

I ask your prayers of thanksgiving for Mathew Abraham and all those celebrating birthdays; also for Jim and Eileen Kline, who are celebrating an anniversary.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored and whom we remember today. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING A

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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 fulfilment 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.

THE 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.

Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleluia!

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

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

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THE 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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

THE DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant and Preacher The Rev'd. Mark Brown

Eucharist Minister Hunter Jordan

Crucifier Allan Anderson

Thurifer Steven McCrimmon

Lector Edwina McCrimmon

Organist Stephen Hetzel

SERMON NOTES

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. **Important note: If you are opened to leading Evening Prayer please prayerfully consider it and contact Edwina McCrimmon.**

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

CLERGY FOR ST. JOHN'S – UPDATE! The Search Committee met last weekend to review and discuss the resumes of the potential candidates for St. John's. Following their meeting, they narrowed down the number of candidates and scheduled Zoom interviews with each of them.

The Committee also sent a letter to the congregation last week regarding the important financial stewardship and obligation for St. John's calling a full-time priest in charge.

We ask for your continued prayers, support, and stewardship during this important journey in the life of our church. We will continue to provide more updates shortly.

Committee Members: *Chinelo Anosike, Michael Adams, Ray Gant, Gail Menkes, David Sprosty and Vivian Murray.*

OFFERING/PLEDGES – We thank you for your continued pledge/offering/contributions to St. John's Church. It's most appreciated and we thank you for your faithfulness and stewardship for the life and ministry of the church.

Mail-in: *St. John's Church, 1333 Bay Street, Staten Island, NY 10305*
Attn: Mrs. Carol Thaten.

Electronic/On-line: *You can safely and easily set-up your electronic/online pledge/offering via St. John's Paypal account. Please use the link below to set-up your account today!* <https://www.stjohnssi.org/give-online-now>

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

