



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ESSEX, NY

~ St. John's Church ~
Sunday Service 10:00 am
June 25, 2023

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Officiant

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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**The Eucharistic Rite of the Anglican Church of
Kenya**

**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 Abenaki people.**

JOIN OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP BY ZOOM

Prelude:

Processional Hymn 537

**Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal;
the poor and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
for Christ doth heal.**

**Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with fervent pray'r;
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost
from dark despair.**

**Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.**

**Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with joyful song;
the newborn souls whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.**

The Preparation

*All who are able stand as the altar party processes into the church,
then the Celebrant says: The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you**

People: **And also with you**
Celebrant: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it
People: **Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad**
Celebrant: Our help is in the name of the Lord
People: **Who made heaven and earth**
Celebrant: I was glad when they said to me
People: **Let us go to the house of the Lord**
Celebrant: Praise the Lord
People: **The name of the Lord be praised**
Celebrant: The Spirit is here
People: **The Promise of God**
Celebrant: Let us pray

All join in praying together:
Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts: cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Celebrant: We stand to glorify the Lord. Glory to the Father.
People: **Glory to the Son.**
Celebrant: Glory to the Spirit
People: **For ever Three in One**
Celebrant: Be glorified at home
People: **Be glorified in Church**
Celebrant: Be glorified in New York
People: **Be glorified in America**
Celebrant: Be glorified on earth
People: **Be glorified in heaven**
Celebrant: Glory to the Father
People: **Glory to the Son**
Celebrant: Glory to the Spirit
People: **For ever Three in One**
Celebrant: Hallelujah
People: **Amen**

All join in saying together:

Gloria in excelsis

**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.**

Celebrant: As we gather, let us pray the prayer appointed for today.

The Collect

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 20:7-13

7 O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. 8 For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. 9 If I say, "I will not mention his name, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. 10 For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." 11 But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. 12 O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. 13 Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has

have committed my cause. Trusting to the Lord, praise the Lord. For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Hallelujah. Praise be to God.**

The Psalm 69:8-11, (12-17), 18-20

Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach,*
and shame has covered my face.

I have become a stranger to my own kindred,*
an alien to my mother's children.

Zeal for your house has eaten me up;*
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

I humbled myself with fasting,*
but that was turned to my reproach.

12 [I put on sack-cloth also,*
and became a byword among them.

13 Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,* and the drunkards
make songs about me.

14 But as for me, this is my prayer to you,* at the time you have set, O
Lord:

15 "In your great mercy, O God,*
answer me with your unfailing help.

16 Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;*
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

17 Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow
me up;*
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.]

18 Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;*
in your great compassion, turn to me.'

19 "Hide not your face from your servant;*
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

20 Do not forget me, O Lord, for I am in distress.*

20 Draw near to me and redeem me; ~
because of my enemies deliver me.

The Epistle

Romans 6: 1b-11

1 Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? 2By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? 3Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. 5For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7For whoever has died is freed from sin. 8But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Hallelujah. Praise be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 484, v.1

**Praise the Lord through every nation;
his holy arm hath wrought salvation;
exalt him on his Father's throne.
Praise your King, ye Christian legions,
who now prepares in heavenly regions
unfailing mansions for his own:
with voice and minstrelsy
extol his majesty:
Alleluia!
Thy reign extend world without end;
let praise from all to thee ascend.**

Celebrant: We stand to hear the good news of our salvation, as it is written in the Gospel of Saint Matthew, Chapter 9, beginning to read at verse 9.

The Gospel (Celebrant)

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Matthew 10: 24-39

“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beel- zebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Celebrant: This is the Gospel of Christ

People: **Hallelujah. Praise to Christ our Saviour.**

Gradual Hymn 484, v. 2

**Jesus, Lord, our Captain glorious,
o'er sin, and death, and hell victorious,
wisdom and might to thee belong;
we confess, proclaim, adore thee;
we bow the knee, we fall before thee;
thy love henceforth shall be our song.
The cross meanwhile we bear,
the crown ere-long to wear:
Alleluia!
Thy reign extend world without end;
let praise from all to thee ascend.**

Sermon The Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell

The 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 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 and catholic 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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Leader: May the Bishops and leaders of our churches have wisdom and speak with one voice.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: May the leaders of our country rule with righteousness.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: May justice be our shield and defender.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: May the country have peace and the people be blessed.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: May the flocks and the herds prosper and the fish abound in our lakes.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: May the fields be fertile and the harvest plentiful.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: May we and our enemies turn towards peace.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: May the love of the Father touch the lonely, the bereaved and the suffering.*

We pray especially for: Matt, Geoffrey, Sarah, Arthur, Geraldine, Anne, Lynn, Stanley, Bobby, Trish, Eve, Bob, Eddie, Judy, Abra, Noa, Lillian, Hazel, Thomas, Matt, Mike, Chris, Beverly, Jill, Nancy, Louise, Cheryl, Olivia, Larry and Steven.

People: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Leader: May the path of the world be swept of all dangers.

People: Hallelujah. The Lord of Mercy is with us.

Please add your own prayers or intercessions.

The Prayers of Penitence

Celebrant: Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who follow Him: *Come unto me all who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)*

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbours, and intend to live a new life following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you.

Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

All: Almighty God Creator of all

**Our Almighty God, Creator of all,
you marvelously made us in your image;
but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness
by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours.
We have done wrong and neglected to do right
We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins.
Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son;
Remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,
whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above
the earth, remove your sins from you, as far as the east is from
the west,
strengthen your life in his kingdom and keep you upright to the last
day; through Jesus Christ, our merciful High Priest.

**All: Amen. Thank you, Father, for forgiveness. We come to your table
as your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves
but your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for
our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus
Christ the Righteous. 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

**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**

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn 707

Take my life and let it be

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.
Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my heart, it is thy own;
It shall be thy royal throne

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my intellect, and use,
Every power as thou shalt choose
Take my will, and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee

Doxology Hymn 380
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 Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Is the Father with us?

People: **He is.**

Celebrant: Is Christ among us?

People: **He is.**

Celebrant: Is the Spirit here?

People: **She is.**

Celebrant: This is our God.

People: **Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Celebrant: We are his people.

People: **We are redeemed.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world Creator, Provider, Saviour and Giver.

From a wandering nomad you created your family;

for a burdened people you raised up a leader;

for a confused nation you chose a king,

for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets.

In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image,

bringing your kingdom, revealing your will,

dying, rising, reigning, remaking your people for yourself.

Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit,

filling us with light and life.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying.

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, Owner of all things, We thank you for giving up your only son to die on the cross for us who owe you everything. Pour your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember him in the way he commanded, through these gifts of your creation.

On the same night that he was betrayed he took bread and gave you thanks: he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

People: **Amen. His body was broken for us.**

Celebrant: In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave thanks: he gave it to them, saying, "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. Do this as often as you drink it, in the remembrance of me."

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

People: **We have died together, We will rise together, We will live together.**

Celebrant: Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this

Celebrant: Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Brother, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted his offering by raising him from death, and granting him great honour at your right hand on high.

***People:* Amen. Jesus is Lord.**

Celebrant: This is the feast of victory!

***People:* The lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Hallelujah!**

The Communion

Celebrant: As Jesus taught us, so we pray:

***All:* Our Father in heaven,
holy 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.
Do not bring us to the test,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Christ is alive for ever.

***People:* We are because he is.**

Celebrant: We are one body.

***People:* We share one bread.**

Celebrant: Draw near with faith.

***People:* Christ is the host and we are his guests.**

Celebrant: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you, keep your body and soul in eternal life; take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, keep your body and soul in eternal life. Drink this, in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you and be thankful.

AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: O God of our ancestors, God of our people,
Before whose face the human generations pass away:
We thank you that in you we are kept safe for ever,
and that the broken fragments of our history are gathered up
in the redeeming act of your dear Son,
remembered in this holy sacrament of bread and wine.
Help us to walk daily in the Communion of Saints,
declaring our faith in the forgiveness of sins
and the resurrection of the body.
Now send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit
to live and work for your praise and glory. Amen.

The Blessing

The people accompany the first three responses with a sweep of the arm towards the cross behind the Altar, and their final response with a sweep towards heaven.

Celebrant: All our problems

People: We send to the cross of Christ.

Celebrant: All our difficulties

People: We send to the cross of Christ.

Celebrant: All the devil's works

People: We send to the cross of Christ.

Celebrant: All our hopes

People: We set on the risen Christ.

Celebrant: Christ the Sun of righteousness shine upon you
and scatter the darkness from before your path:
and the blessing of God Almighty, ☩ Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional Hymn 675

**Take up your cross, the savior said
if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me.**

**Take up your cross, let not its weight,
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.**

**Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
and let your foolish heart be still;
the Lord for you accepted death
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.**

**Take up your cross then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
it guides you to abundant life
and leads to victory o'er the grave.**

**Take up the cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.**

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go out into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

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