



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ESSEX, NY

~ St. John's Church ~
Sunday Service 10:00 am
July 2, 2023

Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell
Officiant

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Loose Plate Offering
ReNew

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 518

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
Holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.**

**All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.**

**To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
lovingkindness,
hear thy servants as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls away.**

**Hear vouch safe to all thy servants
What they ask of thee to gain;
What they gain from thee
Forever with the blessed to retain
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.**

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**

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: **With praise and thanksgiving**

people: **wno 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

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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 28:5-9

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 89:1-4,15-18

Misericordias Domini

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Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

'I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

Happy are the people who know the festal shout! *
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

They rejoice daily in your Name; *
they are jubilant in your righteousness.

For you are the glory of their strength, *
and by your favor our might is exalted.

Truly, the Lord is our ruler; *
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

The Epistle

Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn 487, v.1

**Come my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.**

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)

Matthew 10: 40-42

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

***Celebrant:* This is the Gospel of Christ**

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

Gradual Hymn 487, v. 2

**Come my Light, my feast, my strength:
Such a light as shows a feast;
Such a feast as mends in length;
Such a strength as makes his guest.**

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: Bill, Cory, Eugene, Lynne, Rae, Aaron, Matt, Geoffrey, Arthur, Geraldine, Anne, 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,
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

**Birthdays this week are:
Julie Wever & Rinda Foster**

**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**

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 410

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!**

**Praise him for his grace and favor
to his people in distress.
Praise him, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Glorious in his faithfulness!**

**Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows.
In his hand he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Widely yet his mercy flows!**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!**

**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 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 718

**God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.**

**Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.**

**From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
thy true religion in our hearts increase;
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

**Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.**

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go out into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**