



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ESSEX, NY

**St. John's Episcopal Church
Essex, NY**

PENTECOST 12

**Holy Communion
In-Person & Zoom Worship
August 20, 2023 ☐ 10:00 A.M.**

Rev. Florrie Ledyard

**Loose Plate Offering
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**Zoom Link for Sunday Worship:
<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/worshipmeet>**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

**The Rite of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and
Polynesia**

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 Mohawk people.

Prelude

The Gathering of the Community

All who are able, stand to sing
Processional Hymn 533

**1 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!
How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy Name?
Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.**

**2 To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;
their worship and vows shall come to thy throne:
thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all abroad,
till earth's every people confess thee their God.**

The Celebrant says: Grace and peace to you from God.

People: **God fill you with truth and joy.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **The Lord bless you.**

Celebrant: This is the day which the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Collect for Purity

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of
our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may
truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through our
Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

All sing together

**Gloria
S280**

S 280

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

Canticle 20



**MERCIFUL GOD,
we have sinned
in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.
We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Absolution *is declared by the presiding priest.*

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day *(said by all, in unison)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation

All are seated for the reading of scripture. A short period of silence follows each reading.

Old Testament Lesson **Genesis 45:1-15**

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with

him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 133

Ecce, quam bonum!

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

The Epistle

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People: **Praise and Glory to God.**

Gradual

Hymn 707 v.1

**1 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.**

The Gospel

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

[Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes

out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Celebrant: This is the Gospel of Matthew.

People: **Praise to Christ the Word.**

Gradual

Hymn 707 v.2

**2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.**

Sermon

Rev. Florrie Ledyard

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 substance 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 was made 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 worshipped 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

The people stand or kneel as is their custom or take a posture of prayer as able. The presiding priest says:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

The intercessor then leads:

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

In the silence, particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of England and the church throughout the world.
Father, enliven the Church for its mission
that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.

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Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for the community:

In the silence, particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need, especially:

Ron, Sarge, Nancy P., Jeff, Peggy, Bill, Cory, Eugene, Carolyn, Sarah, Lynne, Rae, Aaron, Matt, Geoffrey, Arthur, Anne, Stanley, Bobby, Trish, Eve, Bob, Eddie, Judy, Abra, Noa, Lillian, Hazel, Thomas, Matt, Mike, Chris, Beverly, Jill, Nancy S., Louise, Cheryl, Olivia, Larry, Steven, Darcey, Carole, and any others you wish to add at this time.

In the silence, particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

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We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Father, into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for St. John and all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

May their example inspire and encourage us.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

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Dear Lord, grant us your wisdom and guidance as we embark upon our search process. Help us to humbly discern and accomplish your will for St. John's. We know this will be a challenging journey for all of us, but we pray that it will strengthen our faith, and our respect and love for each other. Help us to share more deeply our faith in you as we learn to listen to each other with open hearts and minds and to hear your voice in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Sharing of the Peace

All standing, the presiding priest says to the people:

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

The priest then continues:

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, we are the body of Christ.

People: **By one Spirit we were baptized into one body.**

Celebrant: Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

People: **Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.**

Announcements

Prayer for Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays this Week

Xandra Pool, Camryn teRiele, Wolfram Tospann

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

All who are able, stand to sing

Offertory Hymn 636

**1 There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice,
Which is more than liberty.**

**2 There is welcome for the sinner,
And more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior;
There is healing in His blood.**

**3 For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of m man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.**

**4 If our love were but more simple,
We should take Him at His Word;
And our lives would be all sunshine
In the sweetness of our Lord.**

The Ministry of the Sacrament

The Preparation of the Gifts

The presiding priest says:

To you, Lord, belongs the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory and the majesty. **All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.**

The holy table is prepared. The presiding priest takes sufficient bread and wine brought forward by representatives of the congregation. The offerings of the people are presented.

The Great Thanksgiving

The presiding priest says:

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us. When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and lifegiving Spirit. Therefore, with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels

and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing:

Sanctus S128

The Holy Eucharist II
Holy, holy, holy Lord

Sanctus

S 128

The musical score is written on five staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some longer notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for 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, to remember me.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ;
your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim;
your coming we await;
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

Therefore, loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his

suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honor and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As Christ teaches us, we 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 forever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the bread in silence and then says:

**The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.**

The Invitation

The priest invites the people saying:

Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion

Thanksgiving and Sending Out

The presiding priest alone begins the prayer:

Almighty God, giver of all good things, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the precious body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We thank you for your love and care in assuring us of your gift of eternal life and uniting us with the blessed company of all faithful people.

Therefore, ever living God, keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship. And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are, to serve you faithfully in the world, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

The presiding priest gives a blessing to the congregation.

All who are able, stand to sing

Closing Hymn Hymn 542

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The Dismissal

The congregation is sent out with these words:

Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Recessional/Postlude

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