



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ESSEX, NY

St. John's Episcopal Church
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PENTECOST 20

Morning Prayer
In-Person & Zoom Worship
October 15, 2023 ☐ 10:00 A.M.

Richard Perez
Officiant

Loose Plate Offering
Food Shelves

Zoom Link for Sunday Worship:
<https://www.stjohnessexny.org/worshipmeet>

Prelude – Please use this time in silence and to pray

Processional (Please stand) "Christ When Glory Fills the Skies" Hymn

(Please stand)(Crucifer and Officiant enter)

OPENING SENTENCE: Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Psalm 43:3

Officiant: 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 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.*

Officiant: Almighty God, have mercy on us; forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen us in all goodness; and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

People: Amen

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

ANTIPHON

The earth is the Lord's for he made it:
Come let us adore him.

VENITE Psalm 95:1-7

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it. ***

The sea is his, for he made it, ¹
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, ^{*}
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the
sheep of his hand. ^{*}
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

PSALM 23

Dominus regit me

1 The Lord is my shepherd; ^{*}
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures ^{*}
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul ^{*}
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; ^{*}
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; ^{*}
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, ^{*}
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A READING FROM Philipians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes,
and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have
struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and
the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness
be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but
in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses
all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just

finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

CANTICLE 11

The Third Song of Isaiah *Surge, illuminare*
Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, * And all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light,

And your God will be your glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

MEDITATION HYMN 316 "This is the hour of Banquet and of Song"
(Please Stand) all verses

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

CANTICLE 21 Te Deum Laudamus

**You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. You, Christ, are the king of
glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.**

**We believe that you will come and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in
the beginning is now and will be forever. *Amen***

REFLECTION (*please be seated*). **Dick Perez**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (*Please stand*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen*.

The Peace The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Announcements

OFFERATORY HYMN 482 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you

***People:* And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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
and all your portals, Praise.
from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

SUFFRAGE B

Save your people. Lord, and bless your inheritance:

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Day by day we bless you;

We praise your name for ever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

For we put our trust in you.

In you. Lord, is our hope;

And we shall never hope in vain.

COLLECT

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and
follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the
glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such
blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be
spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries (*Please be seated*)

**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.**

Announcements (*Please be seated*)

Birthdays this week: Carol Calhoun and Rob Harsh

Watch over our brothers and sisters, 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 when they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Give grace to all those whose lives are linked with ours. We pray especially for: **Hanna, Gavin, Ric, Tom, Karen, Ron, Jeff, Peggy, Bill, Eugene, Carolyn, Sarah, Lynne, Rae, Aaron, Matt, Geoffrey, Arthur, Anne, Stanley, Bobby, Trish, Eve, Bob, Judy, Abra, Noa, Lillian, Hazel, Thomas, Matt, Mike, Chris, Beverly, Jill, Louise, Cheryl, Olivia, Larry, Steven and John.**

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

[Here other intercessions may be offered]

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 GENERAL THANKSGIVING *(please stand)*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.

**We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;**

**but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies.

**that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your
service, and by**

**walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our**

Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages.

Amen.

PRAYER OF St. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Officiant concludes with the Ephesians 3:20, 21

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or Imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN 405 "Come, thou almighty King"

POSTLUDE (*Please be seated*)

Ministers of the service

Usher Greeters-- Pat Ingram & Mo Ecclesine

Altar Guild--

Altar Flowers-- Bobbi Perezh

Lector-- Lee Maxey

Intercessor-- Hank Hutson

Crucifer--

Lay Eucharistic Minister--

Acolytes--

Zoom Host-- Heather Maxey

Coffee Hour Host-- Mikey & Hank Hutson

Music Director-- Jennifer Moore

Cantor-- Michael Bergman