



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ESSEX, NY

St. John's Episcopal Church
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PENTECOST 25

Morning Prayer
In-Person & Zoom Worship
November 19, 2023 □ 10:00 A.M.

Bill Tribou

Officiant

Loose Plate Offering

Food Shelves

Zoom Link for Sunday Worship:

<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/worshipmeet>

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 547 "Before thy throne, O God, we kneel"

(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 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.

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 mouth 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 forever. *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, *
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 90 1-8, (9-11), 12

Domine, refugium

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 [When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?]

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

A READING FROM Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
“The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”
Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;

in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

After the reading the reader says "Here ends the lesson"

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 I was in
the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

MEDITATION HYMN 551 "Rise up, ye saints of God!"

**Last verse after the Gospel reading*

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 25:14-30

NB. The Gospel is not proclaimed in MP it is read just as the other lessons. Therefore The Reader Says "A Reading from Matthew etc. & concludes with "Here ends the reading"

MEDITATION HYMN 551 "Rise up, ye saints of God!"

****Last verse***

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 Bill Tribou

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

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: “Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, a sacrifice to God.”

OFFERTORY Hymn 686 “Come Thou Font of Every Blessing”

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.**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND ANNOUCEMENTS *(Please be seated)*

Denzel Jenkins, Mary Ruth Reis, Robin Dashiell

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: Cory, Nancy, Abra, Mike, Beverly, Noa, Lillian, Chris, Rae, Olivia, Cheryl, Larry, Steven, Tom, Karen, Sally, Chris, Lynne, and Eve.**

Hanna Kissam, wife of Bill Kissam who died only a few months ago, died on Monday. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Stanley Jankowski, father of Bruce Stephan, died on Tuesday. Please keep him and Bruce and his family in your prayers.

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 541 “Come, labor on”

POSTLUDE (*Please be seated*)

The ringing of the bell signals the end of service.

Please join us for coffee in Persell Hall

Ministers of the Service

Ushers/Greeters. Darcey & Bruce Hale
Altar Flowers. Carole Harsh
Lector. Lee Maxey
Intercessor. Daphne Hollowell
Crucifer. Darcey Hale
Zoom Host. Heather Maxey
Coffee Hour Hosts. Bob & Carole Harsh
Cantor. Michael Bergman
Organist & Music Director. Jennifer Moore