



# The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

October 27th, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to worship at Saint John's Episcopal Church.

Here are a few notes to make you feel more comfortable.

- Relax and allow your focus to be on praising God, not on the “right” way to do things, because there is no “right” way.
- If you are joining us on Zoom, please remain muted for the duration of the service unless you have a speaking role. All are welcome to unmute themselves during announcements.
- Above all, ask questions either in-person or through Zoom's chat feature, if you have them. Anyone in the congregation will be happy to try and answer them.

*We gather quietly for a period of meditation and reflection.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

*The service begins with three chimes of a bell, followed by the announcement of the opening hymn.*

**OPENING HYMN – 410** (*standing, as able*)

**PRAISE MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN**

*Henry Francis Lyte*

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

3     **Father-like 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.**

2     **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 this faithfulness.**

4     **Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye 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.**

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** (*standing, as able*)

*Officiant*     Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People*       **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY** (*standing, as able*)

*Officiant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*       **And also with you.**

*Officiant*     Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People*       **Amen.**

**THE FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 31:7-9** (*seated*)

*Reader*            A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

*Reader*            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 126** (*seated*)

*Leader*        Let us read Psalm 126 responsively by whole verse.

- 1    When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
      then were we like those who dream.
- 2    **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \***  
      **and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
- 3    Then they said among the nations, \*  
      "The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4    **The Lord has done great things for us, \***  
      **and we are glad indeed.**
- 5    Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
      like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6    **Those who sowed with tears \***  
      **will reap with songs of joy.**
- 7    Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
      will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

**THE SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 7:23-28** (*seated*)

*Reader*            A reading from letter to the Hebrews.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL: MARK 10:46-52** (*standing, as able*)

*Gospeller*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus and his disciples] came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

*Gospeller*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON** (*seated*)

*The Rev. Karl Stevens*

**THE NICENE CREED** (*standing, as able*)

**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 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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI** (*standing, as able*)

*Officiant* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

*Officiant* For all people in their daily life and works;

*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Officiant* For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Officiant* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Officiant* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Officiant* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Officiant* For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect, and Kristin, Ken, Nedi, and Wendell, our bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

*People* **For all who serve God in God's Church.**

*Officiant* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Prayers are requested for The Alcott Family, Mary Becht, Alyanna Bergunzi, Jason Bowman, Susan Bush, the Correa family, Jenny Coss, Sue Craig, Herndon Cummings, Maureen Cunnigham, Aaron Devilbiss, Katrina Filmore, Darrell Forren, Kim French, Steve Gorup, Brenda Groff, Gary Jewell, Bonnie Kettell, John Kissel, Laura Kreitemeyer, Christina Lampron, Kevin Lewis, Linda Lyons, Angyl Mellon, Charlotte Neeshan, Marian Peeler, Taryn Rapp and family, David Richards, Christopher Richardson, Nadya Richardson, Kari Riley, Jamie Roberts, Rodger Silvia, Charles Spissu, Dale Van Bibber, Suzan Waller, Mike and Sue Whitaker, Keller, Monica, and all of the people across the world affected by natural disasters, violence, and war.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Officiant* Hear us, Lord;

*People* **For your mercy is great.**

*Officiant* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Prayers of thanksgiving are offered for all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, and for Street Church this week.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgiving.*

*Officiant* We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Officiant* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Officiant* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

*Officiant* We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*People* **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*People* **Amen.**

**PEACE** (*standing, as able*)

Officiant        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People           **And also with you.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (*seated*)

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE** (*seated*)

Officiant        Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**OFFERTORY HYMN – WLP 773**

**HEAL ME, HANDS OF JESUS**

*Michael Perry*

- 1        **Heal me, hands of Jesus,  
and search out all my pain:  
restore my hope, remove my fear  
and bring me peace again.**
  
- 2        **Cleanse me, blood of Jesus,  
take bitterness away;  
let me forgive as one forgiven  
and bring me peace today.**
  
- 3        **Know me, mind of Jesus,  
and show me all my sin;  
dispel the memories of guilt,  
and bring me peace within.**
  
- 4        **Fill me, joy of Jesus:  
anxiety shall cease  
and heaven's serenity be mine,  
or Jesus brings me peace!**

**DOXOLOGY** (*standing, as able*)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures, high and low;  
Give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.**

# The Holy Communion

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 1** *(standing, as able)*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

*People* **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*(standing or kneeling, as able)*

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.



On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*Celebrant*        Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Saint John and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*People*            **AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*standing or kneeling, as able*)

*Celebrant*        And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD** (*standing or kneeling, as able*)

*Celebrant*        We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People*            **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*Celebrant*        The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

**EUCCHARISTIC HYMN – LEVAS 154** (*seated*)

**TASTE AND SEE**

*James E. Moore Jr.*

**[Refrain]**

**Taste and see.**

**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

**O Taste and see.**

**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

**1 I will bless the Lord at all times.  
His praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord;  
for He has been so good to me.  
[REFRAIN]**

**3 Worship the Lord all you people.  
You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that God is good;  
in Him we need put all our trust.  
[REFRAIN]**

**2 Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us all praise His name.  
I called the Lord and He answered me;  
from all my troubles He set me free.  
[REFRAIN]**

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER** (*standing or kneeling, as able*)

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING** (*standing or kneeling, as able*)

*Celebrant* The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN – 411** (*standing, as able*)

**O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL**

*James Montgomery*

- 1        **O bless the Lord, my soul!**  
          **His grace to thee proclaim!**  
          **And all that is within me join**  
          **to bless his holy Name!**
  
- 2        **O bless the Lord, my soul!**  
          **His mercies bear in mind!**  
          **Forget not all his benefits!**  
          **The Lord to thee is kind.**
  
- 3        **He will not always chide;**  
          **he will with patience wait;**  
          **his wrath is ever slow to rise**  
          **and ready to abate.**
  
- 4        **He pardons all thy sins,**  
          **prolongs thy feeble breath;**  
          **he healeth thine infirmities**  
          **and ransoms thee from death.**
  
- 5        **He clothes thee with his love,**  
          **upholds thee with his truth;**  
          **and like the eagle he renews**  
          **the vigor of thy youth.**
  
- 6        **Then bless his holy Name,**  
          **whose grace hath made thee whole,**  
          **whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:**  
          **O bless the Lord, my soul!**

**DISMISSAL** (*standing, as able*)

*Celebrant*        Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- All are invited to join us in our meeting room following the service for coffee and fellowship.
- Election Day of Prayer- Trinity Episcopal Church on Capitol Square will be open from 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM and offering an Election Day of Prayer for anyone in the Columbus area community on November 5, 2024. Brief prayers will be offered at the top of each hour in addition to special services throughout the day: Morning Prayer – 8:00 AM; Noonday Eucharist – 12:00 PM (The Rt. Rev. Kristen Uffelman White, Celebrant); A Service of Night Prayer – 6:30 PM (with music).
- Based on recent events, the community meeting on November 7 to discuss the operations of Sanctuary Night and hear community concerns has been postponed. We will provide updates as soon as more information is available on a new date and time for this meeting.
- Please review the names in the prayer list. If you requested prayers for someone and the circumstances have changed, please email Sam, and let her know so that she can update the prayer list.
- You can now enroll in Kroger Community Rewards. This is a way to raise funds for St. John's simply by shopping at Kroger. If you need assistance with this process, please contact Sam at [stadministrator@st-johns-columbus.org](mailto:stadministrator@st-johns-columbus.org).
- Street Church meets at the PNC on the corner of Central and Broad on Sundays at 1 p.m.
- If you know anyone in assisted care, please reach out to us! We would love to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Mission Statement:**

*St. John's is a body of Christians, where all are welcome, giving thanks to God through traditional worship in an informal setting and serving God, fully dedicated to being in ministry with our neighborhood and beyond.*

**Vision Statement:**

*St. John's envisions a world of equity, peace, and compassion. At St. John's you can be yourself, while experiencing God's love, without fear of judgment.*

**Who We Are:**

St. John's was founded in 1873 as a neighborhood mission and continues to strive to be fully engaged in the Franklinton community through worship, service, and relationships. We do not do outreach; everything we do reaches out into the larger community and invites the community into the life of the congregation.

