

Please move to the center of each pew and leave room on the ends for those arriving after you. Thanks!

Families with preschoolers or elementary-aged children: A "Pew Buddy" (older child or adult) may offer your child a Children's Bulletin and other materials, or invite them to help with the service in some way that may be fun for them. The more children are actively engaged in worship, the more they feel a part of the community.

Prelude

Reflection on 'Nicaea'

setting by Piet Post

All stand as able at the ringing of the bell.

Processional Hymn (9:30 AM)
#362, The Hymnal 1982

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

Words: Reginald Heber
Music: Nicaea

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| <p>1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.</p> <p>2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.</p> | <p>3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.</p> <p>4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth,
and sky, and sea; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.</p> |
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Opening Acclamation

p. 355 Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis

S-280, The Hymnal 1982 (spoken at 7:45 AM; sung at 9:30 AM)

setting by Robert Powell

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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson: A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-8, 12 (read responsively by whole verse)

p. 717, Book of Common Prayer

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.**

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

The Second Lesson: A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

Scott R. King

All stand as able for the
Gospel Acclamation (9:30 AM)



People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Acclamation continued (see music on previous page)

All are seated as invited by the preacher.

The Sermon

Lois Sauer, Licensed Lay Preacher

All remain seated for a moment of silence following the sermon.

All stand as able for

The Nicene Creed

p. 358 Book of Common Prayer

**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

Leader Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Silence

Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip the church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we used our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor.

Hear us, O God. **For your mercy is great.**

You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the life of the planet; protect farmlands and harvests. Direct all people in wise stewardship of all the earth's resources.

Hear us, O God. **For your mercy is great.**

You call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders. Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice.

Hear us, O God. **For your mercy is great.**

You teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community, especially **Michael, Jim, Steve, Mary, James, Tammy, Daphna, Maya, Yoav, Matthew, Edith, Ryan, John, Gina, Paul, Roger, Jim**, and all others we name to you now...
(the congregation may add prayers, spoken or in silence).

Hear us, O God. **For your mercy is great.**

We give thanks and pray for the Finance Team of our parish whose ministry we celebrate this month. Bless them as they help our Vestry be wise stewards of the resources we have collectively given for the ministry and mission of our church.

Hear us, O God. **For your mercy is great.**

Life-giving God, we pray for those in our parish celebrating birthdays this week: Eleas Ottley, Ben Heynen, Jon Fenton, Joe Powell, Leej Copperfield, Cathy Plaut, Suzi Hetzel, Nora Billand, Jeff Bierline, Jessica Graber, and Dave Ford.

Hear us, O God, **For your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for the marriage of Billy Todd McCormick and Mayla Francis Gilliam, daughter of parishioner Susan Gilliam; and pray your blessing on their life together.

Hear us, O God, **For your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest and for the witness of those who have died in faith...
(the congregation may add prayers, spoken or in silence).

Hear us, O God. **For your mercy is great.**

Silence

Celebrant

Let us pray especially for peace in the Holy Land. *(See back of bulletin for prayer).*

Celebrant

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

p. 360 Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence)*

ALL 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.

Celebrant 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. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Remember to sanitize hands, before and after touching common items like offering plates or after shaking hands at the Peace.

Please be seated

Welcome & Parish Announcements

Thanksgiving for St. John's Lay Staff & Clergy
Ingathering and Blessing of Gifts for 2024

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

If you are viewing our livestream, you may wish to prepare your financial offering for mailing at this time. Anyone may give online at www.stjohnswf.org/give OR Text "STJOHNSWF" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.

The altar flowers are given today by Susan Rainey, in loving memory of her Grandparents, Maria & Leonard Scrippo, Santa & Alphonso Nubile and Lorenzo Cicchetti.

Offertory Anthem (9:30 AM)

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Setting by Mark Schweizer

Cantate

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

*There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in Heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.*

*For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we should take Him at His word;
And our lives would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.*

Please stand as able

The Doxology

(7:45 am—spoken)

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

(9:30 am—sung—Hymn 380 vs. 3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

All stand as able for

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1 from Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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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 God 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. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus— Holy, holy, holy (7:45 AM spoken; 9:30 AM sung)
S-129 (front of The Hymnal 1982)

Setting by Robert Powell

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

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

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...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine...
...Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise.
Fore ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**All 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.**

All stand as able

The Breaking of the Bread

At 7:45 AM, spoken (see text below);

At 9:30 AM, sung, S-155 (Setting by Gerald R. Neal, front of The Hymnal 1982)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Communion of the People (*please sanitize your hands before coming forward*)

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or to receive a blessing (instead of the bread and wine) the altar rail. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest to signal the clergy. If you need a gluten free wafer, please extend your hands with palms down to signal the clergy. If you need to be served in your seat, please inform an usher.

At this time, we will refrain from offering the common cup (drinking from a common chalice) and will offer the wine by intinction only (dipping the communion wafer in the cup of wine.) If you wish to receive the wine, please hold the wafer in your fingers as the chalice bearer comes to you and take care to dip only the wafer into the wine (and not your fingers.) If you are not comfortable receiving the wine this way, please know that receiving only the consecrated bread at Holy Communion (or the wine only) is still considered full Communion.

**Communion Hymn (9:30 AM)
#802, The Hymnal 1982**

When the poor one who has nothing

Words: J. A. Olivar and Miguel Manzano
Music: El Camino

- 1 When a poor one who has nothing shares with strangers,
When the thirsty water give unto us all,
When the crippled in their weakness strengthen others.

- 3 When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
When our lips can speak no words other than true,
When we know that love for simple things is better. **[Refrain]**

**Refrain: Then we know that God still goes that road with us.
Then we know that God still goes that road with us.**

- 2 When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
When they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
When we love though hate at times seems all around us. **[Refrain]**

- 4 When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance.
When we learn how to make peace instead of war.
When each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor. **[Refrain]**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

(For those worshipping with us remotely at 9:30 AM)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Postcommunion Prayer (for those who have shared in Communion in person)

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant blesses the People.

(9:30 AM) All children here today are invited to join the clergy at the church door during the following hymn. The children will help send us out with the words of Dismissal.

**The Dismissal Hymn (9:30 AM)
#721, Wonder, Love & Praise**

Signs of ending all around us

Words: Dean W. Nelson
Music: Ton-y-Botel

- 1 Signs of endings all around us—
darkness, death, and winter days
shroud our lives in fear and sadness,
numbing mouths that long to praise.
Come, O Christ, and dwell among us!
Hear our cries, come set us free.
Give us hope and faith and gladness.
Show us what there yet can be.
- 2 Can it be that from our endings,
new beginnings you create?
Life from death, and from our rendings,
realms of wholeness generate?
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them
into hopes for life anew:
Fading light and dying season
sing their Glorias to you.

- 3 Speak, O God, your Word among us.
Barren lives your presence fill.
Swell our hearts with songs of gladness,
terrors calm forebodings still.
Let your promised realm of justice
blossom now throughout the earth;
your dominion bring now near us;
we await the saving birth.

The Dismissal

Children of the Parish
All

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Recessional on 'Ebenezer'

setting by Aaron David Miller

We offer this prayer from Archbishop Hosam Naoum of the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

O God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevail in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering. We pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims, and Christians-- for all the people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples.

Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children, for, to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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