

The Episcopal Parish of ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST Hingham, Massachusetts

Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021

Welcome!

Welcome to the Episcopal Parish of St. John the Evangelist. It is our hope you will find it a place of beauty and refreshment, nurture and comfort. If you are visiting this morning – whether online or in person – we are especially delighted you are here. We pray that through our worship you will find and be found by God. Please know there is always a place for you at St. John's and may God bless you on your journey of life and faith.

About the Service: Page numbers refer to the red *Book of Common Prayer*. Hymns refer to the blue *Hymnal*. Service music, prefaced by an "S," is found toward the beginning of the hymnal. The people's responses are in **bold**. This service, which features limited capacity in-person worship, is being live-streamed both on our parish website and via Facebook Live on the St. John's Facebook page. Please silence all cell phones and other devices when entering the worship space.

If you would like more information about our faith community, visit **St. John's Online** at www.stjohns-hingham.org. Make sure to sign up for our weekly e-news *St. John's Goings-On* (click the link on the right side of the home page); "like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/StJohnsHingham; or follow us on Twitter @StJohns_Hingham.

PRELUDE: All Glory Be to God on High *All stand as the procession enters.*

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

Said by all

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the readings and the psalm.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each

had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Lector: The Word of the Lord. *People:* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, * ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; * worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; * the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; * the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; * the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, * and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; * the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord * all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; * the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *

the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

SECOND LESSON

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh -- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord *People:* Thanks be to God

The People stand for

SEQUENCE HYMN 362 (omit v. 2) Holy, Holy, Holy *Nicaea While congregational singing is not permitted, you may pray the words and/or hum along.*

THE GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that

Romans 8:12-17

he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord. *People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Tim Schenck

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All stand to recite THE 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 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.

The People kneel for THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively at the end of each petition. Parishioners are invited to share prayers silently, aloud, or in our live-stream chat.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy. *People:* **Hear our prayer.** *After the final petition, The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

All stand for THE PEACE *Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People:* **And also with you.** *The Clergy and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

The Altar is prepared for Communion. Please note that Offering Plates are available at the church entrances. The ministry of St. John's is funded through the generosity of parishioners and visitors. We encourage and deeply appreciate your generosity this morning. If you are worshipping online, please consider a gift through the Virtual Collection Plate on our website.

OFFERTORY HYMN 366 (v. 1-4) Holy God, We Praise Thy Name Grosser Gott While congregational singing is not permitted, you may pray the words and/or hum along.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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People:Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.People:Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

After the Celebrant says the Proper Preface all say THE SANCTUS

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 kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:*People:*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, then says the FRACTION ANTHEM Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All those physically unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion, as the Prayer Book directs: "If a person desires to receive the Sacrament...the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth." (BCP 457)

PRAYER FOR THE SPIRITUAL RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

Priest: In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are presented, we offer to you our selves, our souls and bodies.

People: With praise and thanksgiving, we offer our earnest wish that we may ever be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we pray you to come into our hearts spiritually. We unite ourselves to you, and embrace you with all the affections of our souls, that nothing will ever separate us from your love. Amen.

Holy Communion is distributed in bread form only. Please stay kneeling, seated, or standing in your pew, and the clergy will bring the sacrament to you.

COMMUNION MUSIC We Praise Thee, O God

Plainsong (arr A. Cassels-Brown)

Kneeling, the People join in saying the POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER Page 365 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 the 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 BLESSING

The Celebrant pronounces a blessing.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Credo in unum Deum

Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Faith Jarvis Smith.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Tim Schenck **Lectors:** Lucy Hancock, Skip Hancock **Intercessor:** Zoe Bradford **Acolyte:** Molly Powers **Altar Guild:** Deb Dougherty, Emily Hutchinson **Ushers:** Paula Bagger, Lucy Hancock, Skip Hancock, Kelly Powers **Digital Usher:** Dave Clinton **Stream Team:** Tom Daley, Jamie Rossano **Flower Guild:** Jane Carr.

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Welcome to St. John's as we continue to take our early steps as a regathered community. While things may look and feel slightly different this morning, our hearts are full as we gather both online and in person. In whatever way you've joined us this morning, we're glad you're here!

About Trinity Sunday

On this day we celebrate "the one and equal glory" of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, "in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being" (BCP p. 380). It is marked each year on the first Sunday after Pentecost and is one of seven principal feasts of the church year. The celebration of Trinity Sunday was approved for the western church by Pope John XXII in 1334 and has always been on the calendar of the Anglican (Episcopal) Church. The primary statement of Trinitarian theology is the Nicene Creed, formulated by the Council of Nicaea in 325. The use of the Nicene Creed at services of Holy Eucharist (Communion) began in the fifth century and soon became a universal practice.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help us **Celebrate our 2021 Graduates!** We are looking for volunteers to "Adopt-A-Graduate," by sending a greeting card and gift card on behalf of our community to all our high school and college graduates! To sign up, please contact Jack+ at jclark@stjohns-hingham.org.

Our current **Food Drive to benefit Wellspring Multi-Service Center** in Hull runs through June 15. Requested items (any brand) include boxed rice, condiments, canned soup, pasta and sauce, crackers, Hamburger Helper, juice, cereal, cooking oil, salad dressing, jelly. Kindly place donations in the Outreach bin by the side door of the ramp. Please consider participating in this critical ministry and help make this another successful drive. Thank you!

Thank you for the generous outpouring of support for our **Free**. (pronounced "free period") menstruation supply drive! Financial contributions to support Free. are welcome via the church's PayPal account on the parish website (click the Give Online tab). Products will be distributed to Wellspring, Bay State Community Services, Interfaith Social Services, Health Imperatives, and Southwest Community Food Center.

As we continue to live into our regathering as a community, we need your help with some new ministries and repopulating older ones.

- Join the **Stream Team** to learn how to assist live-streaming our services (ability to use and learn new technologies required). Contact Tom Daley at verger.stj.hingham@gmail.com.
- Become a **Digital Usher** to help welcome online newcomers (ability to use Facebook required). Contact Dave Clinton at d.clinton@comcast.net.
- Join the **Usher Ministry** and help welcome folks in person to St. John's while adhering to all safety protocols. Contact Phil Carter at pcarter62@hotmail.com.
- Join the **Altar Guild** and help set-up the vessels used for communion. Contact Allison Marshall at aew.marshall@verizon.net.
- Help arrange altar flowers as a member of the **Flower Guild**. Contact Jean Lubrano at dglcanoe@gmail.com.

Laundry Love, our ministry of dignity through clean clothes, seeks volunteers on the following dates at our locations in Hull (second Tuesday of the month) and Weymouth (fourth Sunday of the month). Next few dates: Hull: 6/28, 7/26, 8/23. Weymouth: 6/8, 7/13, 8/10. Contact Liz Donohue at donohue38@comcast.net for more information or to sign up.

With the return of in-person worship, we are organizing a *Know Thy Neighbor* campaign to refresh Church directories. We see an opportunity in this moment, with in-person worship returning and Jennifer Cataldo joining the Church team in the office, to ensure contact information is current, directories are inclusive (and include new members who began attending St. John's during the pandemic), and invite people to update their profiles, (including photos!) in the St. John's Online Directory. A group of dedicated volunteers is in the process of reaching out to households to confirm or update contact information. The volunteers will also share instructions on who to contact if you do not have your username or password. The St. John's Online Directory is password protected and only available to members at St. John's. Please contact Jody Jones Turner at jodyjonesturner@gmail.com with questions about *Know Thy Neighbor!*

As we finish Sunday School for the year, we will be having one more **In-person Children's Chapel** (weather permitting!) in the parking lot at St. John's on Sunday, June 13, beginning promptly at 2:00 pm. We can accommodate up to 25 households. Sign up via the link in the Sunday School e-news or by emailing Jack+ at jclark@stjohns-hingham.org. In order to make this event as safe as possible, all participants must wear masks, and households must remain socially distanced. Thank you! We are excited to see you in person!

For the remainder of the program year, **Middle School Youth Group** will meet at 12:00 pm. The last two sessions will take place on June 6 featuring the MSYG Olympics! (5th graders "level up") and June 13 - Fun & Chipotle in the parking lot. For more information contact Jack+.

The **Confirmation Class** will be celebrating the end of our Confirmation Program with confirmands, mentors, and parents on Sunday, June 6 at 4:00 pm.

Each week, parishioners give **Altar Flowers** in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for a significant event. We have a number of Sundays open, especially during the summer months. Please contact Jennifer in the parish office to reserve a date.

Mission Statement of the Episcopal Parish of St. John the Evangelist:

We seek to share the Good News of the Gospel through engaging worship, faithful service, and life-long Christian formation while joyfully living out our faith in this community and the world.

PARISH STAFF

The Rev. Timothy E. Schenck, *Rector* The Rev. Jacqueline A. Clark, *Associate Rector* Sister Adele Marie Ryan, SSM, *Priest Associate* The Rev. Robert Edson, *Rector Emeritus & Pastoral Associate* Elisabeth C. Gray, *Organist/Choirmaster* Jeremiah Cossa, *Sunday Evening Musician* Thomas M. Daley, *Parish Verger* Jennifer Cataldo, *Administrative Assistant* Amsale G. Faye, *Accountant* Dorothy Manley, *Sexton*

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