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# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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Christ The King • November 20, 2022 • 10 a.m.

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*Welcome to St. John's. We are happy you are joining us in worship today. Our service is printed here, with congregational responses printed in **bold**. Hymns are printed in the hymnals located in the pews. Mask wearing during worship is optional, but please continue to wear a mask while singing.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Prélude, Improvisation (Suite Médiévale, Op. 56)*

*Jean Langlais (1907-1991)*

#### OPENING HYMN • 494

*Crown him with many crowns*

*Diademata*

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.  
**And blessed be God's reign, 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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### SONG OF PRAISE

*Glory to God*

*Gloria in excelsis*  
*William Mathias (1934-1992)*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his  
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,  
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:  
re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the  
Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,  
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

**THE COLLECT**

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE LESSONS**

**A READING FROM THE PROPHET JEREMIAH**

*Jeremiah 23:1-6*

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

## SONG OF ZECHARIAH *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

*The people remain seated as they chant the song together with the choir*



Blessed be the Lord, the God of | Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them | free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty | savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant | David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our | enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who | hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our | fathers \*  
and to remember his holy | covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father | Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,  
Free to worship him without | fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our | life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most | High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his | way,  
To give people knowledge of sal|vation \*  
by the forgiveness of their | sins.

In the tender compassion of our | God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break up|on us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of | death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of | peace.

## A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS

*Colossians 1:11-20*

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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**Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN • 483

*The head that once was crowned with thorns*

*St. Magnus*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 23:33-43*

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

*Deacon*        The Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

*The Rev. Sharon Sheridan Hausman*

## 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*During the silence after each bidding, the people offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

Let us give thanks to God for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

**We thank you, God.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

**We thank you, God.**

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

**We thank you, God.**

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

**We thank you, God.**

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

**We thank you, God.**

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

**We thank you, God.**

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

**We thank you, God.**

For St. John the Evangelist and all in the communion of saints, in all times and places,

**We thank you, God.**

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

***To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.***

We pray also for the special needs of our congregation, our community and the world.

We ask God's blessings upon our presiding bishop, Michael, our bishop, Carlye, all clergy and all members of the universal church.

We pray for those who live and work in Boonton and for its leaders.

We pray for all in need, in this and every land.

We pray for all who are sick, remembering especially Elizabeth.

We pray for all who have died, especially Joann Santiago and Carol Champagne.

We pray all this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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.**

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

## THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY AND INGATHERING

*An offering is received to support St. John's ministry of sharing God's love with the world. Today we receive with special thanks the pledge cards from our fall financial stewardship campaign.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

St. John's Choir  
*Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)*

## PRESENTATION HYMN

*For the fruit of all creation*

*East Aeklam*



For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God. For his gifts to  
For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to God. For the good we  
ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while  
all in her - it, thanks be to God. For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that  
we are sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
will con - found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

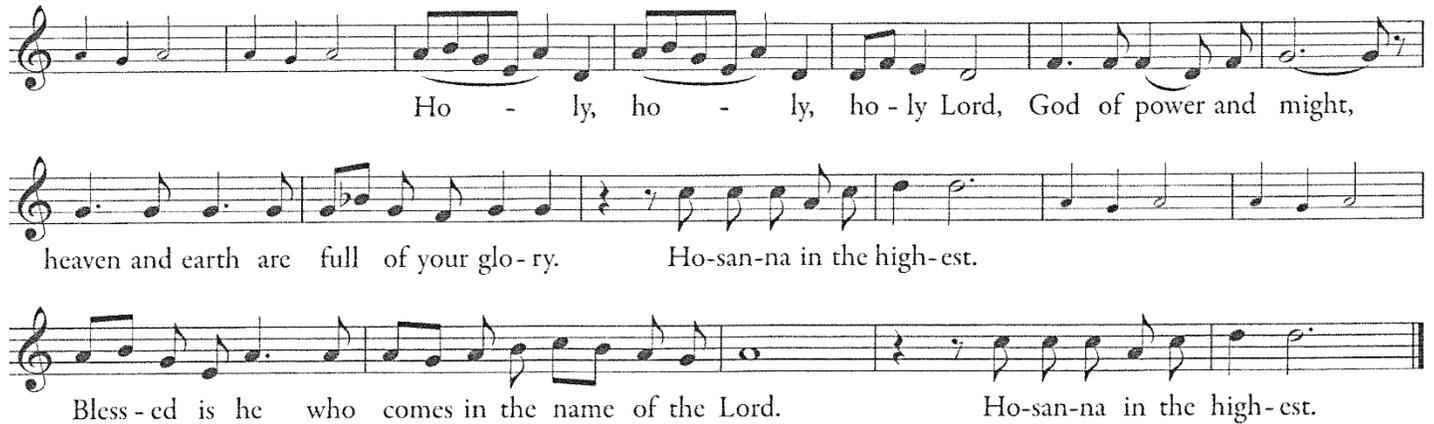
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn.

## SANCTUS

*William Mathias*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.**

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

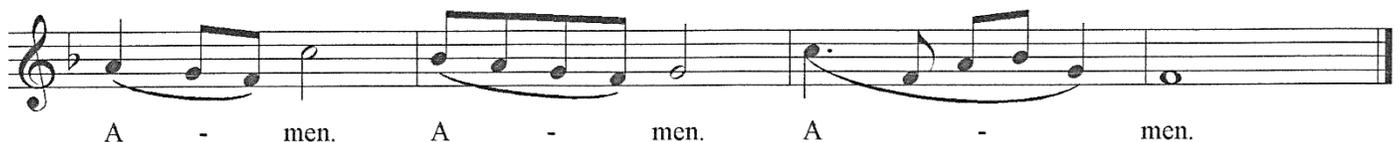
**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

## GREAT AMEN

*McNeil Robinson II (1943-2015)*



A - men. A - men. A - men.





***We are glad you are with us!***

To all who are visiting with us today, or watching this live, or on-demand:  
thank you for being with us in prayer—you are most welcome, always!

To support the mission and ministries of St. John's Episcopal Church, Boonton, NJ,  
go to our website, [www.stjohnsboonton.org](http://www.stjohnsboonton.org), and scroll down to find the "Electronic Giving" link.  
Your generosity is deeply appreciated!



**Leading and supporting our worship today**

**The Reverend Sharon Sheridan Hausman** *Celebrant and Preacher*

**The Rev. Deacon John H. Van Dine, Jr.** *Deacon*

**Mr. Kevin Bidwell** *Server*

**Ms. Ellen Bomser** *Lector*

**Ms. Ellen Bomser, Ms. Michelle Capobianco Riegel, Ms. Kathy Cascone,**

**Ms. Sandra Lee Schubert, Ms. Elizabeth Van Dine** *Choir*

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** is given to the glory of God by the people of St. John's.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***This Sunday***

- ♦ **Ingathering:** We will **bless all pledge cards** from our fall financial stewardship campaign during our 10 am worship service.
- ♦ **Groceries** will be collected **for the food pantry**.
- ♦ **Healing prayers** will be offered in the sanctuary after worship.
- ♦ **Giving Tree.** Look for the tree in the parish hall and take a tag to buy gifts to make the holidays brighter for our neighbors.

***Save the dates***

- ♦ **Important meeting:** All St. John's members are asked to attend a special meeting **Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m.** at the church as part of the diocesan **visioning process**. Refreshments will be served.
- ♦ **Get ready to march!** St. John's will participate in the Boonton Fire Department's 28th annual **Christmas Parade on Saturday, Nov. 26** (rain date Nov. 27) **at 1 p.m.** We will begin assembling around noon at **816 Main Street** and will end at Santa Land (124 North Main Street).
- ♦ In an **additional opportunity** for holiday giving, the diocesan **Prison Ministry is collecting holiday gifts for children and teenagers. Suggested gifts include** toys (but no toy guns or weapon-like toys), books, gift cards, sports equipment (but no bats), art supplies, board games, hats, scarves and mittens. Gifts must be **in gift bags, not wrapped, and labeled** with a large, removable tag listing age and gender. **Deadline is Sunday, Dec. 4.** We also need a **volunteer to transport the gifts** to Grace Church, Nutley on Dec. 4 or 5.

## *Ongoing ministries*

- ♦ **Coffee hour is back!** Please join us for refreshment and fellowship after each Sunday service. Teams of parishioners provide coffee and food each week on a rotating basis. **If you'd like to help**, reach out any of our vestry members.
- ♦ **Saturday Luncheon Socials** continue from 12-1 p.m. each week. If you can help, please let Sharon Liparini know at [Sharon.Liparini@gmail.com](mailto:Sharon.Liparini@gmail.com).
- ♦ Would you like to **dedicate altar flowers or the Sanctuary Lamp** to a special person? The sign-up sheet is in the church, or you can **contact Kathy Cascone**.

**WARDENS:** Sharon Liparini and Debbie Henschel **VESTRY:** Kathy J. Cascone, Fran Maenza, Joan Magrane, Cathy Riccobono, Michelle Riegel, Sandra Lee Schubert, Carl Sparano. **TREASURER:** Ellen Bomser

We welcome you to join us in worship whenever you can, either in person  
or via our Zoom Livestream (email [admin@St.JohnsBoonton.org](mailto:admin@St.JohnsBoonton.org) for Zoom log-on information)

**Sundays at 10 a.m.** - Choral Eucharist with a Sermon, the first and third Sunday.

Morning Prayer with a Sermon on the second and fourth Sunday.

The Fifth Sunday will be either Choral Eucharist or Morning Prayer.

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