

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Daily Office –Morning Prayer (Rite II)

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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(PROPER 21, TRACK 1)

September 26, 2021 10:30am

In-Person at the church, and Livestreamed via Zoom

The People's responses are in boldface. *Rubrics (liturgical directions) are in red.*

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"Whoever is not against us is for us."

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ORGAN VOLUNTARY

THE OPENING SENTENCES AND CONFESSION

The People stand as are able as the Officiant enters and says

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*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord
Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The People kneel as are able

Silence may be kept

Officiant and People, together

**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.**

The Deacon remains kneeling and says

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.
Amen.

All stand as are able as the Officiant says

People O Lord, open our lips.
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All together **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. Alleluia.**

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Officiant The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:
People **Come let us adore him.**

The Officiant begins

Come, let us sing to the LORD; *

All in unison for remainder of the Invitatory

**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!**

Officiant The mercy of the Lord is everlasting:
People **Come let us adore him.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 66 *Jubilate Deo*

The Officiant begins

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *

The People read in unison with the Officiant for the remainder of the psalm
**sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.**

2 **Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.**

3 **All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name."**

4 **Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.**

- 5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.
- 6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him.
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offering and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

Psalm 67 *Cantate Domino*

The Officiant begins

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *

The People read in unison with the Officiant for the remainder of the psalm
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

All in unison

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The People sit for the Readings

THE READINGS

The First Reading

Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

A Reading from the book of Numbers.

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,’ to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are

prophesying in the camp.” And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

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

Psalm 19:7-14 *Caeli enarrant*

The People remain seated

The Lector begins

7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *

The People read in unison with the Lector for the remainder of the Responsory

**the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.**

8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The People remain seated for the Second Reading on the next page

The Second Reading

Mark 9:38-50

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

The Homily

The Rev. Deacon John H. Van Dine

A period of silence may follow the Homily

The Apostles' Creed

The Officiant says

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

The Officiant and the People together, standing as are able

**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 People remain standing as are able

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant and the People together

**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 Suffrages (B)

Officiant Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
People **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**
Officiant Day by day we bless you;
People **We praise your name for ever.**
Officiant Lord, keep us from all sin today;
People **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**
Officiant Lord, show us your love and mercy;
People **For we put our trust in you.**
Officiant In you, Lord, is our hope;
People **And we shall never hope in vain.**

The Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Sundays

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.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

During the Prayer of St. Chrysostom, on the following page, those participating on Zoom are encouraged to un-mute their mics when indicated, to offer their intentions aloud; please re-mute afterward

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

The Officiant begins

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: Hear us now, O heavenly Father, as we offer our intercessions and thanksgivings either silently or aloud:

(concerns and thanksgivings are offered, silently or aloud)

The Officiant continues

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.**

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant 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.**

Organ Voluntary

Please note the Alms Basin at the rear of the church where you may leave your pledges or donations

See below for how to make a safe and convenient electronic donation to the St. John's at any time

Please follow the directions of the Greeters to safely exit the church building



Announcements

To all who are visiting with us today, or watching this 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, <http://www.stjohnsboonton.org> and scroll to the middle of the page to the "Electronic Giving" link on the right side. Your generosity is deeply appreciated!

An on-demand recording of this service can be found at the website address above.



Please Note: We have returned to our regular service schedule, The Holy Eucharist Sundays at 10:30am

The Zoom livestream will continue to be broadcast, at 10:30am



Leading and Supporting our Worship Today

The Rev. Deacon John H. Van Dine
Deacon and Officiant

Ms. Kathy Cascone
Lector

Mr. Robert H. Gangewere, Jr.
Organist & Director of Music

In case you were wondering...

Why does my mic have to be muted? And why should I read along aloud at home?

One of the truths online worship has taught us is the difficulty of reading in unison when the people are not all in the same room. Individual voices travelling through the circuits and switches of the Internet will not all arrive at the same time. Yet unison reading is at the heart of our corporate worship, our “common prayer,” as though all our voices are blending into one as they rise to the ear of the Almighty. But we know that: 1) when God leads us into a wilderness, we will lose some things that give us familiarity, comfort, and meaning; but 2) God is *always* with us, leading us to something new, helping us see new solutions for new problems.

We believe God has led us to the following solution for this problem: only the mics of the clergy and the lectors (readers) will be active during the service. All others will be muted throughout. But this does not make the Office something to be “watched;” participation is expected of each of us, to contribute to “the work of the people” (which is what the Greek origin of the word “liturgy” means). The sections appearing in **boldface** are the People’s responses, and you, as the People, should read them, *aloud and with intention*, along with the speaker.

Even though you won’t hear your fellow worshipers’ voices blending with yours, you will still be reading in unison, even though each one is in a different place. You may not hear those voices joined, but God does, for separation by space, and even by time, means nothing to the One who is everywhere, always. If you are new to streaming worship, it may at first feel awkward to read aloud whether you are alone or with others; you will grow used to it. Try to remember that the very act of reading the same words at the same time as everyone else folds you in with the rest and anchors you in the community’s “common prayer.” And don’t forget, in worship we are always surrounded by the “Angels and Archangels and all the company of heaven;” and even though we can’t hear them, what honor and glory to know that our voices are added to theirs!