



**WELCOME!**

We are delighted to have you with us today. You are invited to God's table to receive communion and to share in our community. If you are looking for a church to call home, you are welcome here!

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRELUDE**

Serenade (Schubert)

**OPENING HYMN**

"O God, our help in ages past" vs. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, The Hymnal 680

*The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening*

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE 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.**

*Celebrant*

Lord, have mercy.

*People*

**Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant*

Lord, have mercy.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray. 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.**

## THE LESSONS

*The People Sit*

### A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

#### 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.

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

#### PSALM 90:1-8, 12

*Typically, we read the Psalms responsively. Online, we will read the Psalms in unison as a symbol of our enduring connection.*

- 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.**

### A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

#### 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.

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

## SEQUENCE HYMN

“Halle, Halle, Halle” (arr. Bell)

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

**MATTHEW 25:14-30**

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven will be as when 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.’”

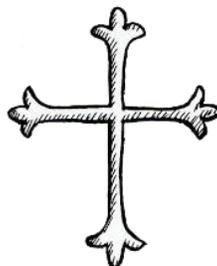
*Deacon*                The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

Brian Nystrom

*The People may be seated*

*A moment of silence will be observed for reflection after the sermon*



**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**  
Church of Ceylon

**PARTNER PARISHES**  
Church of St. John the  
Evangelist, Hastings, England  
Santa Maria Magdalena,  
Favorito, Cuba  
La Gran Familia, Mexico

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**  
St. Bartholomew's, Cokeville

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY**  
Pvt. First Class August Boldt  
Charlie Ezzell  
Pvt. Jacob Farney  
Captain Alic Kelso  
Lt. Wolf Klotz  
Staff Sgt. Brian Luciano

**IN NEED OF COMFORT**

Ken Asel  
Eric Bertelson  
Paul Blumenauer  
Carol Bocker  
Rebecca Bollman  
Breitenbach Family  
Brown Family  
Shelly Buell  
Holly Buell  
Stan Burch  
Meghan Davis  
Amy Glasgow  
Dennis Johnson  
Robin Koop  
Edna Larson  
Anne Marie Letko  
Ned Leyendecker  
Bonnie Longnion  
Julie Mathes  
Mary Elizabeth  
Sue Mertz  
John Oaks  
Tony Paulus  
Svetlana Polyanskaya  
Jim Ross  
Emily & John  
Kelly Sales  
Sue Salzmann  
Susie Sheffield  
DeeDee Sorsby  
Mary Talisman  
Jim Thomas  
Nikki Thompson  
Kim Tsamoutales  
Tim Turner  
Larry  
Fr. Ubald  
John Vogt  
Chandler Vreeland  
Cindy Windfield

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

Doug Ayers  
Trip Barden  
Donna Chapman  
Tania Evans  
Leo Gutierrez  
Jane Hill  
Ed Owens  
Karen Smith  
Jack Tobiason  
James Tobiason  
John Whitmore

## THE NICENE CREED

*The People stand as able and say together*

**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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Deacon and People pray responsively*

*Deacon*

With all our heart and mind, let us pray to God, saying: O God, in your goodness,  
hear our prayer.

In this time of confusion, vulnerability and uncertainty, let us pray to God.  
O God, in your goodness,  
**hear our prayer.**

That our spiritual leaders may serve your people in ways that demonstrate your  
love and healing power, let us pray to God. O God, in your goodness,  
**hear our prayer.**

That the leaders of this nation, and all others in authority, may be guided by your Wisdom, and find strength and courage to know and accomplish your purposes in the midst of these troubling times, let us pray to God. O God, in your goodness,  
**hear our prayer.**

That all peoples of the earth, especially the most vulnerable among us, be kept safe. Let us pray to God for the special needs of our congregation, especially those on our parish prayer list.

*People may add their petitions silently or aloud at this time.*

O God, in your goodness,  
**hear our prayer.**

That we, your people may find joy in compassion and unity, that we may find new ways to connect and love one another. Let us pray to God in thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries:

O God, in your goodness,  
**hear our prayer.**

That we may have patience as your work in the world unfolds. That we do not fall into despair but rise in hope, let us pray to God. O God, in your goodness,  
**hear our prayer.**

That those who have died may find peace and joy among the communion of saints, let us pray to God.

*People may add their petitions silently or aloud at this time.*

O God, in your goodness,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Deacon*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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

*Silence*

*Celebrant & People* **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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The People sit. See the Revelations e-Newsletter for what is happening around the parish or sign up on our website.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The People remain standing*

*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 God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Proper Preface* Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant & People*

**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 or stand as 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant & 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.**

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

*Celebrant & 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.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*As the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a period of silence is kept*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. All are welcome to receive communion. In the spirit of caring for one another in this time of pandemic the bread only will be distributed. After disinfecting their own hands, the priest will place the communion wafers in the hands of the people. For now, no common cup will be served. If you are unable to come forward, and desire communion, please notify an usher, and the priest will bring the bread to you. If, for whatever reason, you do not wish to receive bread, you are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

## **COMMUNION MEDITATION**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*The People kneel or stand as able*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant & People* **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.**

### **BLESSING**

*The Priest blesses the people*

## CLOSING HYMN

“Dear Lord and Father of mankind” vs. 1, 4, 5, The Hymnal 653



1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -  
2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -  
3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O  
4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till  
5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy



1 give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our  
2 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing  
3 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to  
4 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the  
5 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let



1 right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in  
2 of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word, rise  
3 share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in -  
4 strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the  
5 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O



1 deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.  
2 up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.  
3 ter - pret - ed by love! in - ter - pret - ed by love!  
4 beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.  
5 still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

## THE DISMISSAL

*As the procession passes down the aisle, you are invited to face the doors of the church for the Dismissal*

*Deacon*

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## POSTLUDE

“Präludium in F, BWV 556” (Bach)



### THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

To learn more about St. John's Episcopal Church go to our website, [stjohnsjackson.org](http://stjohnsjackson.org).

The Reverend Jimmy Bartz, Rector

The Reverend Brian Nystrom

The Reverend Mary Erickson

The Reverend Suzanne Harris

Ron Fabry, Music Director

Catherine Morahan, Director of the Children & Youth Community

Pam Woodson, Parish Life

Robyn Reed, Director of Operations

Haley Deming, Communications Director

Liz Collins, Assistant to the Pastoral Staff

Stephanie Abbey, Administrative Assistant

Tim Schwarz, Sexton

Lonnie Brown, Browse 'N Buy Manager

Tawnya Sorensen, Bright Beginnings Preschool Director