



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to St. John's, Troy

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

September 26, 2021

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Prelude

Given the rise in cases at this time, current Covid guidelines for worship are that we wear masks throughout the service. We no longer take temperatures, provide contact information, or sanitize our hands as we arrive. Even those who are fully vaccinated must keep masks on once in their pews. Social distancing will continue to be observed in the pews. At Communion, we will continue with masks, hand sanitizer, and the flow of people in the aisles, as illustrated in the card in the pews. Coffee Hour will be in the garden, weather permitting.

The Processional Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Hymnal 427

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,

1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word
4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,

1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Words: German, ca. 1800; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt. Music: *Laudes Domini*, Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

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

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.**

Hymn

Gloria

Hymnal S-204

1. Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

2. We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks

to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly King,

God the Father Al-might - y. 4. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

5. that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us.

6. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. Thou only, O Christ,

with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

People **Amen.**

All sit for

The First Lesson

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

After the reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 124

If the Lord had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;

If the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;

Then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.

Blessed be the Lord!
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

The Second Lesson

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

After the reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing a

Sequence Hymn

Lamp of Our Feet

Hymnal 627

(verses 1 to 3 are sung before the Gospel reading, verses 4 and 5 following the reading)

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for unison or harmony in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system contains verses 1 through 3, and the second system contains verses 4 and 5. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with line numbers 1 through 5 indicating the start of each verse line.

1 Lamp of our feet, where - by we trace our path when wont to stray;
2 bread of our souls, where - on we feed, true man - na from on high;
3 pil - lar of fire, through watch - es dark, and ra - diant cloud by day;
4 word of the ev - er - liv - ing God, will of his glo - rious Son;
5 Lord, grant us all a - right to learn the wis - dom it im - parts;

1 stream from the fount of heaven - ly grace, brook by the trav - eler's way;
2 our guide and chart, where - in we read of realms be - yond the sky;
3 when waves would whelm our toss - ing bark, our an - chor and our stay;
4 with - out thee how could earth be trod, or heaven it - self be won?
5 and to its heaven - ly teach - ing turn, with sim - ple, child - like hearts.

Words: Bernard Barton (1784-1849) Music: *Nun danket all und bringet Ehr*; melody att. Johann Crüger (1598-1662), alt.

The Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

All standing, the Deacon reads the gospel, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

After the Gospel is read, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Judith Malionek

A brief silence is kept.

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 worshipped 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—Form VI

Deacon In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Deacon For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Deacon For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Deacon For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Deacon For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Deacon For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Deacon For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Deacon For our mission partners, especially the Church of the Holy Spirit in Lascahobas, Haiti, St. Anthony's Church, St. Paul's Church, and Beaver Cross. For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Chris; Christiann; Colleen; David; Douglas; Franchesca; James; Jenny; Joyce, and Molly.

The People may add their own petitions

Deacon Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Deacon We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Deacon We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Deacon We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Deacon Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Deacon We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Deacon and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

The Peace

All Stand

Celebrant

People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Peace

The Liturgy of the Table

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

Hymnal 304

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

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As the offertory collection is brought forward, the People stand to sing.

Doxology

Hymnal 380, verse 3

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
 2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
 *3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
 truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
 shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

Eucharistic Prayer A

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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 him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea - ven 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._____

The People stand or kneel and 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 and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 Celebrant continues

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

Celebrant and 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

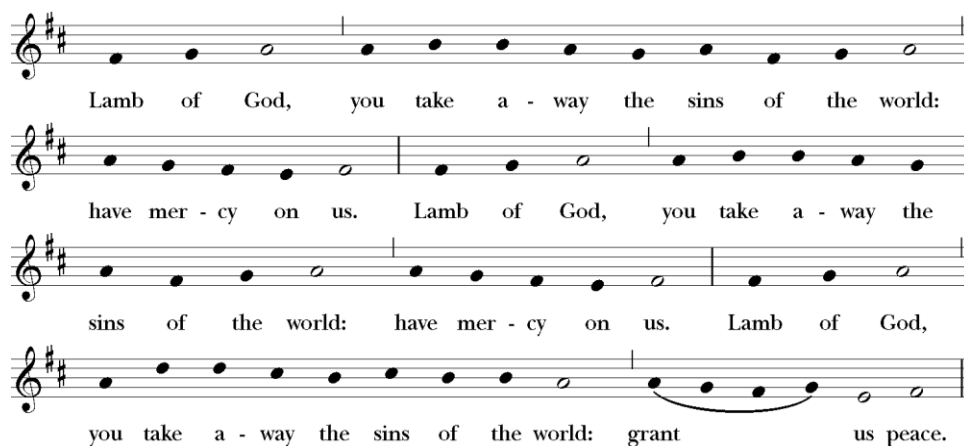
A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-161



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Facing the People, the Celebrant invites the People to the Altar by saying

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Celebrant says:

We invite those of you who are at home to join in this Communion by saying the prayer for God's grace and blessing, found in your leaflet.

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) reminds us that if one is unable to actually consume the consecrated bread and wine due to extreme sickness or disability, the desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion (p. 457). When being present at a celebration of the Eucharist is impossible, this act of prayer and meditation can provide the means by which we can associate ourselves with the Eucharistic Action and open ourselves to God's grace and blessing.

People at home

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend, and brother,
since I cannot now receive you,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
May I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

(Adapted from the prayer of Richard, Bishop of Chichester, b. 1197, d. 1253)

Communion Music

George Richardson, guitar and vocals

The 23rd Psalm

W: Original metrical text by Francis Rous (1650). M: Brother James Leith Macbeth Bain (1860-1925).

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.**

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant and People

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup. We send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymnal 376

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It features three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the hymn with a final line of lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

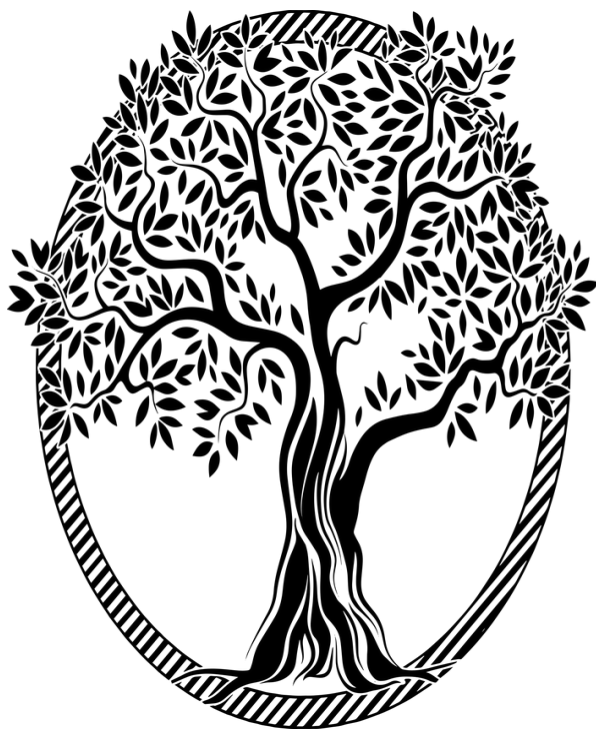
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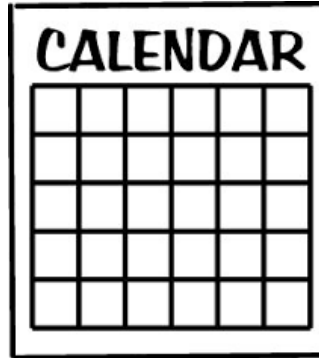
The Deacon dismisses the People.

The People respond

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude





Calendar Events

Sunday, September 26	Bible Study resumes In-Person and Zoom (9am)
Sunday, September 26	Coffee Hour after 10am Worship—Robin Prout Hosts
Sunday, September 26	Narcotics Anonymous (7pm)—Open Meeting*
Monday, September 27	Alcoholics Anonymous (7:30pm)—Open Meeting*
Tuesday, September 28	Bible Study—Zoom (11am) Reading the Letter of James
Wednesday, September 29	Morning Prayer In-Person and Zoom (8am)
Wednesday, September 29	Evening Adult Education resumes (7pm) See Below
Thursday, September 30	Alcoholics Anonymous Women's Group (noon)— Closed Meeting*
Saturday, October 2	Shepherd's Storehouse Pantry (10am – Noon)
Monday, October 4	Daughters of the King In-Person and Zoom (6:30pm)
Saturday, October 9	Blessing of the Animals (10am)

*An Open Meeting can be attended by anyone; a Closed Meeting is for those who are on the recovery journey themselves.

For more details about upcoming events, please email us at office@stjohnstroy.org or call the office at 518.274.5884.

Join Us!

Announcements

Adult Education Has Resumed

Sunday Morning Bible Study resumes today, September 26 at 9am, In-Person & Zoom

We will begin by picking up and finishing 1st Corinthians. Be in touch with Eileen at Eileen.manz@gmail.com for a link.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study, September 28 at 11am, on Zoom

Gail Richardson begins a study on the letter of James. Be in touch with Gail at gailrichardson404@hotmail.com for a link.

Wednesday Evening Rector's Forum, September 29 at 7pm, on Zoom

The Nicene Creed. A Six-Part Series with Bishop Robert Barron, starting September 29

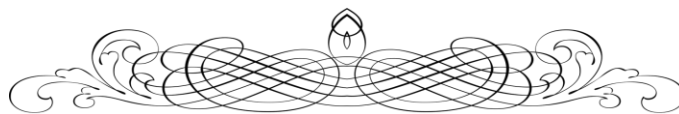
The Nicene Creed is a most elegant, eloquent and succinct statement of the Christian faith, shared by Christians of every denomination worldwide. Here at Saint John's, we say it every week, and because it is so familiar to us, it is easy to overlook the important mysteries it contains. In *The Creed*, a new film series blending both documentary footage and engaging lectures, Bishop Robert Barron guides viewers into the depths of the Nicene Creed, this fourth century statement of faith that has profoundly influenced both Eastern and Western spirituality, theology and liturgy.



Wednesday mornings at 8am, we have resumed in-person Eucharist or Morning Prayer. This service is followed by a breakfast. Do join us in this sweet fellowship! If you would like to join us by Zoom, please be in touch with Mtr. Judith at rev.jmalione@stjohnstroy.org.

Meet the Assisting Bishop: Mark your calendars for an opportunity to meet the new Assisting Bishop of the Diocese, Bishop Michael Smith. Bishop Smith is providing the diocese with episcopal services, such as confirmation and pastoral visiting, during this period when we are searching for our next bishop. Churches of our Metropolitan Deanery are invited to the **Cathedral on Thursday, November 11 at 7pm**. for a brief business meeting. Then around 7:30, Bishop Smith will address our convocation briefly by way of introduction and then he has agreed to answer any questions that members of the deanery might have.

Vestry Task Forces: The Vestry has organized itself into task forces that will investigate, deliberate, and make recommendations to the whole Vestry at its retreat in November in three areas of our life together: stewardship (Bill Prout, Lois Hodgkinson, Dave Hunn and Mother Judith), membership processes (Sandy Hutchison, Carol Daniel, and Linda Muller) and the next generation (Brian Thomson, Norris Pearson, and Carol Daniel). We welcome input from the parish as we move forward in these conversations. Please feel free to be in touch with any task force member.



Prayer in a Time of Transition

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for this, your diocese of Albany. Inspire and sustain us in this time of transition.

Incline our hearts to do your will, and so direct us in your ways that the leader you are raising up to be our Bishop will find here joyful disciples, making disciples, united in faith, unflagging in hope, and steeped in mutual charity.

In your mercy, accept our repentance, and grant us peace; look with patience on our enthusiasms; and pour rich gifts and grace upon all who are entrusted with the ongoing work of your church; so that, with diligence and charity, we may discern correctly and walk righteously in your ways.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



Serving Today

Altar Guild ~ Lois Hodkinson and Virginia Holland

Flowers ~ Linda Stancliffe

Chimer ~ Andrew Mace

Lector ~ Gail Richardson

Cantor ~ Linda Thorburn

Communion Music ~ George Richardson

Videographer ~ Jason Smith

The Clergy

The Rev. Judith Malionek, Rector

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to serve the world through God's grace.