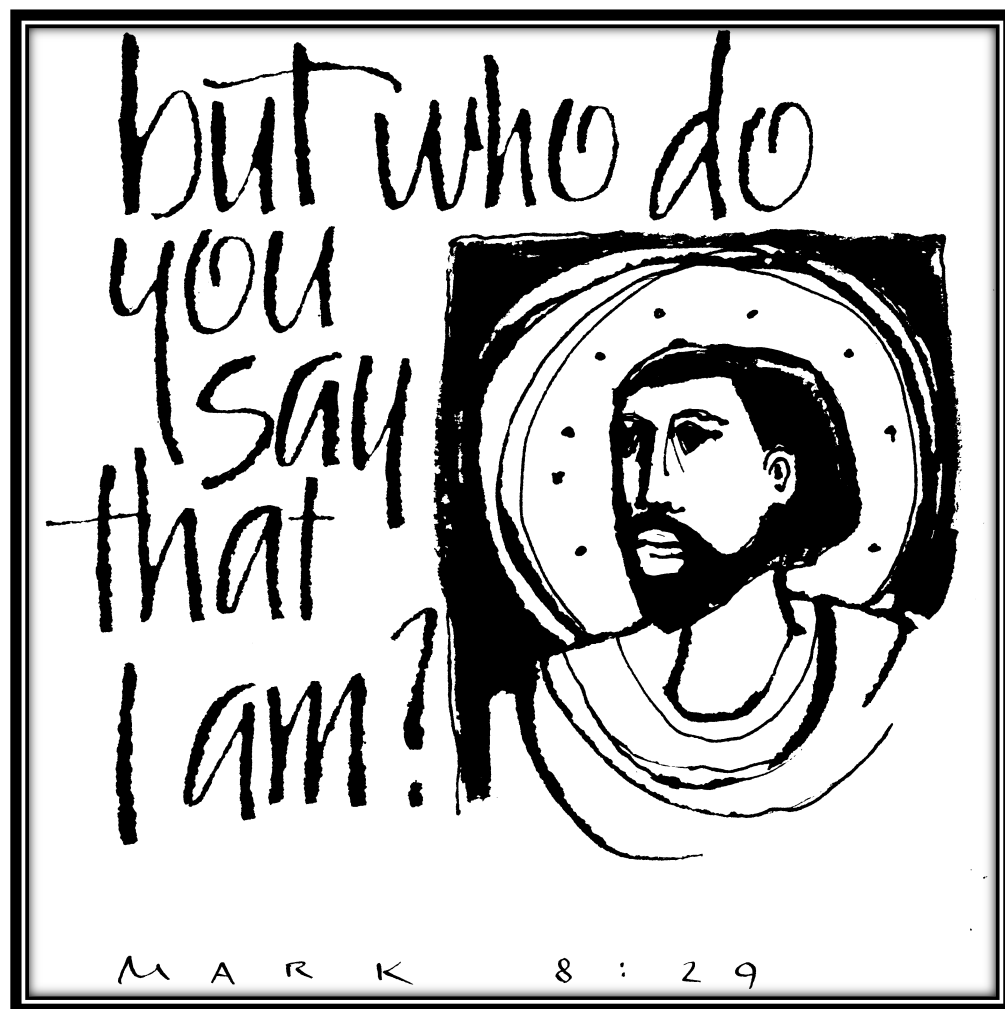




Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to St. John's, Troy

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

September 12, 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

Father Eternal

Hymnal 573



1 Fa - ther e - ter - nal, Ru - ler of cre - a - tion,
2 Rac - es and peo - ples, lo, we stand di - vid - ed,
3 En - vious of heart, blind - eyed, with tongues con - found - ed,
4 Lust of pos - ses - sion work - eth des - o - la - tions;
5 How shall we love thee, ho - ly hid - den Be - ing,



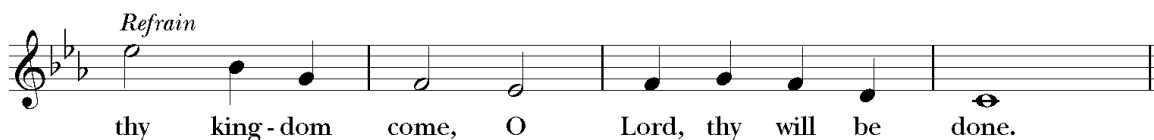
1 Spi - rit of life, which moved ere form was made,
2 and, shar - ing not our griefs, no joy can share;
3 na - tion by na - tion still goes un - for - given,
4 there is no meek - ness in the powers of earth;
5 if we love not the world which thou hast made?



1 through the thick dark - ness cov - ering ev - ery na - tion,
2 by wars and tu - mults love is mocked, de - rid - ed;
3 in wrath and fear, by jea - lous - ies sur - round - ed,
4 led by no star, the ru - lers of the na - tions
5 Bind us in thine own love for bet - ter see - ing



1 light to our blind - ness, O be thou our aid:
2 his sav - ing cross no na - tion yet will bear:
3 build - ing proud towers which shall not reach to heaven:
4 still fail to bring us to the bliss - ful birth:
5 thy Word made flesh, and in a man - ger laid:



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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, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

All sit for

The First Lesson

Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

After the reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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 Second Lesson

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

After the reading, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

All stand to sing a

Sequence Hymn

O Thou Who Camest from Above

Hymnal 704

(verses 1 and 2 are sung before the Gospel reading, verses 3 and 4 following the reading)

1 O thou who cam - est from a - bove the fire ce -
2 There let it for thy glo - ry burn with ev - er -
3 Je - sus, con - firm my heart's de - sire to work, and
* 4 Still let me prove thy per - fect will, my acts of
les - tial to im - part, kin - dle a flame of
bright, un - dy - ing blaze, and trem - bling to its
speak, and think for thee; still let me guard the
faith and love re - peat, till death thy end - less
sa - cred love up - on the al - tar of my heart.
source re - turn in hum - ble prayer and fer - vent praise.
ho - ly fire and still stir up the gift in me.
mer - cies seal, and make the sac - ri - fice com - plete.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Hereford*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

The Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

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.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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 Troy United Area Ministries. For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially Brian; Caleb; Chris; Christiann; Colleen; David; Donna; Douglas; Franchesca; James; Jenny; and Joyce.

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, especially all the ministries of Saint John's.

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, especially Jaydn Bauer, John Primo, Curtis Stancliffe, and John Stone, 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 The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Peace

The Liturgy of the Table

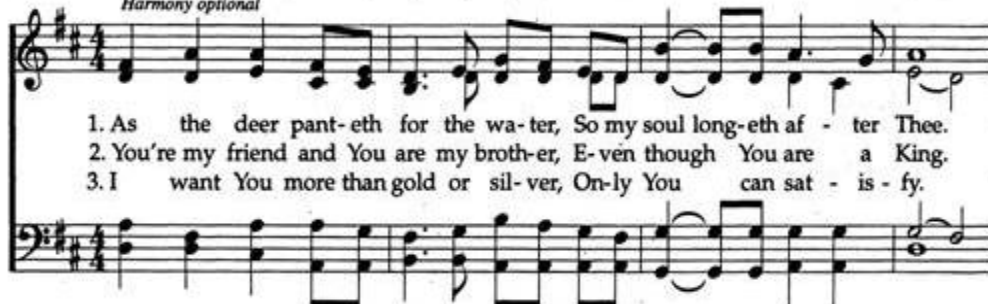
The Offertory

Offertory Hymn

As the Deer Panteth for the Water

As the deer pants for water, so my soul pants for You. Psalm 42:1

Harmony optional

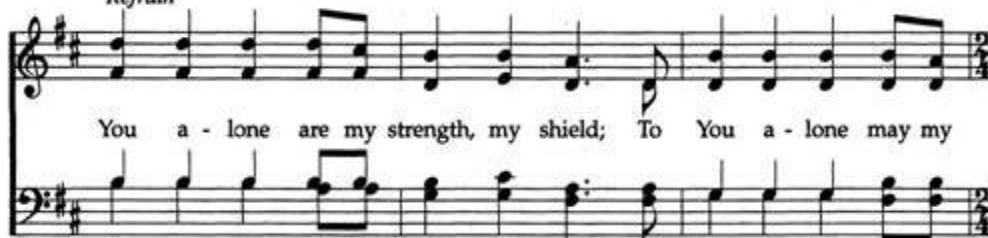


1. As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, So my soul long-eth af - ter Thee.
2. You're my friend and You are my broth-er, E-ven though You are a King.
3. I want You more than gold or sil-ver, On-ly You can sat - is - fy.

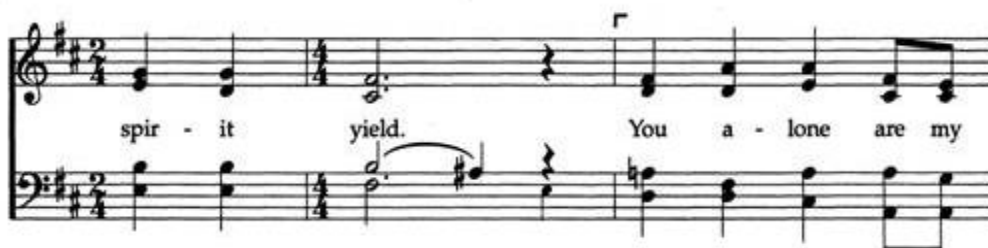


You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, And I long to wor - ship Thee.
I love You more than an - y oth-er, So much more than an - y - thing.
You a - lone are the real joy giv-er, And the ap - ple of my eye.

Refrain



You a - lone are my strength, my shield; To You a - lone may my



spir - it yield. You a - lone are my



heart's de - sire, And I long to wor - ship Thee.

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 below.

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

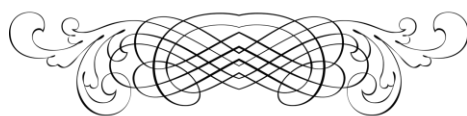
**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend, and brother,
since I cannot now receive you,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
May I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,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

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

Communion Music Vivian & Harper Savage, with George Richardson, guitar and vocals

How Great Thou Art!

W: Stuart K. Hine. M: Swedish Folk Melody



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.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

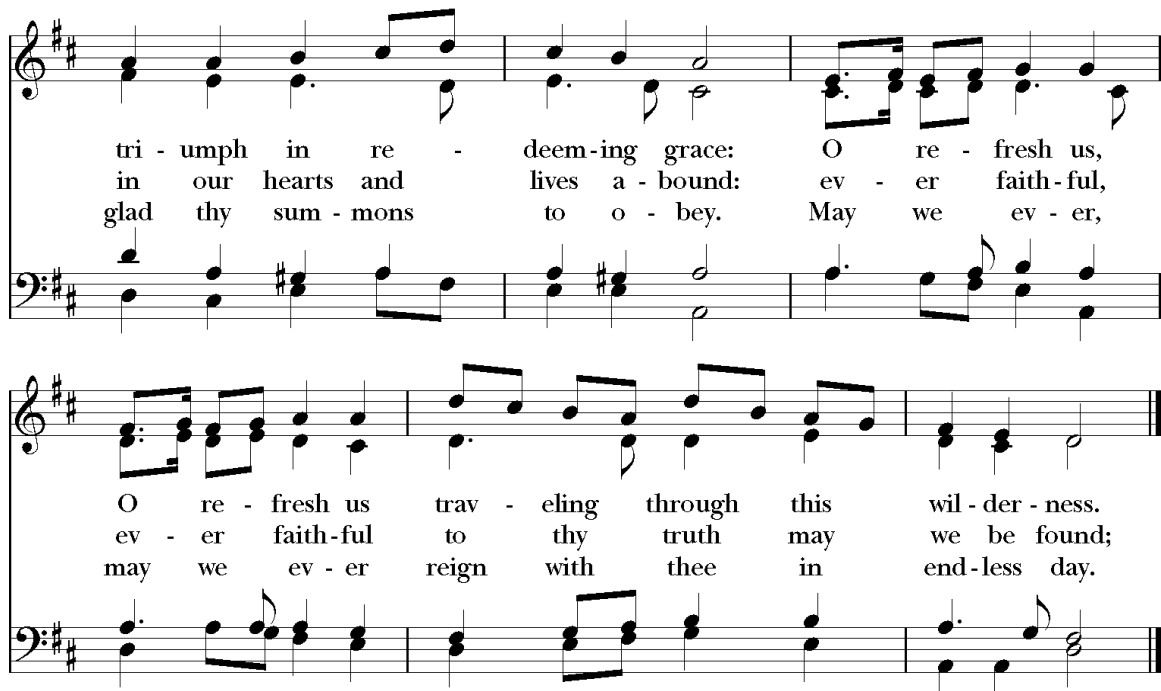
Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Hymnal 344

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next three lines. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding musical staves.



tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,
O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. John Fawcett (1739/40-1817) Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

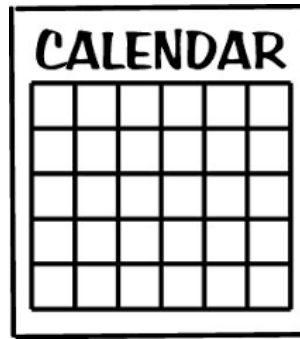
The Deacon dismisses the People.

The People respond

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Blessings



Calendar Events

Sunday, September 12	Bible Study resumes in September—Details to follow
Sunday, September 12	Coffee Hour after 10am Worship – Welcoming Sunday
Sunday, September 12	Narcotics Anonymous (7pm)—Open Meeting*
Monday, September 13	Office Closed
Monday, September 13	Alcoholics Anonymous (7:30pm)—Open Meeting*
Tuesday, September 14	Bible Study—Zoom (11am) Reading the Letter of James, All Welcome
Wednesday, September 15	Morning Prayer In-Person and Zoom (8am)
Wednesday, September 15	Evening Adult Education resumes
Thursday, September 16	Alcoholics Anonymous Women’s Group (noon)— Closed Meeting*
Saturday, September 18	Community Breakfast

* - 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.

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Coffee Hour will be in the garden, weather permitting.



Announcements

Welcoming Sunday is Today. After the 10am service, our various ministries will offer information about their mission and service opportunities. Please join us as we celebrate our ministries, including the possible return of our **Foyer Groups!**

Adult Education Resumes

Tuesday Morning Bible Study, September 14 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 15 at 7pm.

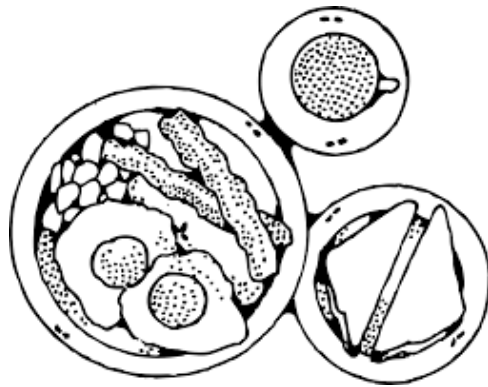
We kick off with a guest, Fr. Sam Bellafiore. He will speak on a merry confluence of thought between Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams and Pope Benedict. The complete fall schedule will be available at the ministries fair.

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.

Please join us for...

St. John's Community Breakfast on Saturday, September 18 Free for Take-out!

Come meet your neighbors and enjoy a delicious breakfast including eggs, sausage, home fries, and more. All are welcome, and we would love to see you there.



From 9 to 11AM

St. John's Episcopal Church
146 1st Street
Troy, NY 12180

****A sign-up sheet is posted in the Parish Hallway, if you would like to volunteer to help.*

Serving Today

Altar Guild ~ Mary Jane Hotaling and Wendy Prout

Flowers ~ Sonie Hunn

Chimer ~ Andrew Mace

Lector ~ Gail Richardson

Cantor ~ Linda Thorburn

Communion Music ~ George Richardson

Videographer ~ Jason Smith

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to proclaim God's love joyously, and

to serve the world through God's grace.