

# **EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY**

**THANKSGIVING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**



**MAY 30, 2021**

**6:00 PM**

**St. John's Episcopal Church**

**Four Fountain Square**

**Larchmont, NY**

# THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND PRAYER

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

*Officiant* Grace and peace to you from God.

***People* God fill you with truth and joy.**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

***People* The Lord bless you.**

*Officiant* This is the day which the Lord has made.

***People* Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Officiant* Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may truly love you, and worthily praise your holy name; through our Saviour Christ our Lord.

***All* Amen.**

***All* Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*Officiant* Hear the teaching of Christ: a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.

***People* Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

*Officiant* God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence, we call to mind our sins. *Silence.*

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins.

***All* Merciful God,  
We have sinned  
in what we have thought and said,  
in the wrong we have done  
and in the good we have not done.  
We have sinned in ignorance:  
we have sinned in weakness:  
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry.  
We repent and turn to you.  
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,  
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Officiant* Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.

***People* Amen.**

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see

you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

**All**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

*Officiant*

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**

**Amen.**

*Silence may follow each reading.*

## **READING: ISAIAH 6:1-8**

*Reader*

A reading from Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 29

*The psalm is read responsively by the half verse.*

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## GOSPEL: JOHN 3:1-17

*Officiant* ✠ The Holy Gospel according to John.

*People* Praise and glory to God.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from

above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

This is the Gospel of Christ.

*People*

**Praise to Christ, the Word.**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Lisa P. Mason

**THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*All*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,**

eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became fully human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
and 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.

*Officiant* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's  
goodness.

*Periods of silence may be kept.*

*Reader* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:  
(*Silence*)

*Reader* Father, enliven the Church for its mission that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world. (*Silence*)

*Reader* Breathe fresh life into your people. Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action. (*Silence*)

***People* We pray for the world:**

*Reader* Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace. That we may respect one another in freedom and truth. (*Silence*)

*Reader* Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it. Teach us to care creatively for its resources. (*Silence*)

***People* We pray for the community:**

*Reader* God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others that all may act with integrity and courage. (*Silence*)

*Reader* Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours. May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. (*Silence*)

***People* We pray for those in need:**

*Reader* God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially Ann, April, Bernadette, Betsy, Blanche, Bob, Brian, Caitlin, Carol, Carolyn, Clementine, Collette, Dotty Lee, Ellen, George, Harold, James, Laura, Lynn, Matt, Orlo, Patricia, Peggy, Peter, Randy, Robert, Sandy, Sara Lee, Sheila, and Tom. (*Silence*)

*Reader* Make us willing agents of your compassion. Strengthen us as we share in making people whole. (*Silence*)



**People**            **We remember those who have died, and those who mourn.**

*Reader*            We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone. *(Silence)*

*Reader*            Father, into your hands we commend them. Give comfort to those who mourn. *(Silence)*

*Reader*            Bring them peace in their time of loss. We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

*Reader*            May their example inspire and encourage us. We pray for ourselves and our ministries: *(Silence)*

*Reader*            Lord, you have called us to serve you.

**People**            **Grant that we may walk in your presence:  
your love in our hearts,  
your truth in our minds,  
your strength in our wills;  
until, at the end of our journey,  
we know the joy of our homecoming  
and the welcome of your embrace,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Rev. Lisa*            The Peace of Christ be always with you.

**People**            **And also with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Rev. Lisa shares brief announcements.*

## **THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

*The offerings of the people are presented.*

*Officiant* Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

*People* **Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Officiant* God's Spirit is with us. Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Officiant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

*Officiant* It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image; male and female you created us. When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin. You raised him to life triumphant over death; you exalted him in glory. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

*All* **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.**

*Officiant* All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks,

he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

**All**  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ;**  
**your death we show forth;**  
**your resurrection we proclaim;**  
**your coming we await;**  
**Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

*Officiant* Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**All**  
**Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Officiant* As Christ teaches us, we pray

**All**  
**Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your Name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**

as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

*The Officiant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed.*

*Officiant* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**All** We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

*Officiant* Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ  
in remembrance that he died for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by  
faith with thanksgiving.

*The presiding priest and people receive communion.*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Officiant* Almighty God, giver of all good things, we thank you for feeding us with  
the spiritual food of the precious body and blood of our Saviour, Jesus  
Christ. We thank you for your love and care in assuring us of your gift of  
eternal life and uniting us with the blessed company of all faithful people.

**All** Therefore, everliving God,  
keep us steadfast in your holy fellowship.  
And now we offer ourselves, all that we have and are,  
to serve you faithfully in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

## THE DISMISSAL

*Officiant* Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.  
**People** Amen. We go in the name of Christ.