

**MORNING PRAYER  
ON THE LAWN**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**

**9:00 AM**



**St. John's Episcopal Church  
Four Fountain Square  
Larchmont, NY**

*Welcome to St. John's Church. We are glad you have joined us for worship today.*

*For everyone's safety and comfort, we thank you for maintaining appropriate social distance.  
Masks are required for all attendees, regardless of vaccination status.*

*If you are visiting or looking for a new church home, please introduce yourself to our clergy  
or an usher. Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in our worship services.  
Thank you for turning off your cell phones.*

*You are welcome to join us for worship at any time, including each Sunday at 10:00 am in  
our sanctuary or on Zoom, Sunday at 6:00 pm for an outdoor Eucharist, and for prayer  
services during the week on Zoom. Visit our website for our full schedule  
([stjohnslarchmont.org](http://stjohnslarchmont.org)).*

*If you have a pastoral emergency and need to speak with a priest when the office is closed, you  
may contact the Rev. Lisa Mason on her personal cell phone at (210) 854-4811.*

## **OPENING SENTENCE**

*Officiant* Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

## **OUR CONFESSION OF SIN**

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

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* 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.

*Officiant* 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.

*People* Amen.

## **PRECES**

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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

## INVITATORY PSALM: VENITE (PSALM 95:1-7)

*Officiant*      The earth is the Lord's for he made it:  
*All*                Come let us adore him.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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

*Officiant*      The earth is the Lord's for he made it:  
*All*                Come let us adore him.

## PSALM 54

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

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

## FIRST READING: JAMES 3:13-4:3, 7-8A

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet

something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **CANTICLE 9: THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH (ISAIAH 12:2-6)**

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

**Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

*All*

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

## SECOND READING: MARK 9:30-37

*Reader* A reading from Mark.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*All* I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*All remain standing.*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*All* 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.

## SUFFRAGES

*All remain standing.*

*Officiant* Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

*People* Govern and uphold them, now and always.

*Officiant* Day by day we bless you;

*People* We praise your name for ever.



*Officiant* Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
*People* **Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
*People* **For we put our trust in you.**

*Officiant* In you, Lord, is our hope;  
*People* **And we shall never hope in vain.**

## **COLLECTS**

*All remain standing.*

*Officiant* Let us pray.  
Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*Officiant* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*Officiant* Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.

*All* **Amen.**

## INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVINGS

*All remain standing.*

*Officiant*

Have compassion on all who are suffering the effects of the pandemic, and all who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Amy, Andrea, Ann, April, Arthur, Bernadette, Betsy, Blanche, Bob, Brian, Caitlin, Carol, Carolyn, Clementine, Collette, David, Dotty Lee, Ellen, George, Harold, James, Laura, Lynn, Masood, Matt, Nora, Orlo, Patricia, Peggy, Peter, Randy, Sandy, Sara Lee, Scott, Sheila, Susie, T.J., and Tom, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for all who have died, and all those who mourn.

We remember all those who have asked for our prayers, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for all who have died, and all those who mourn.

*People*

**Amen.**

## GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*All*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL & GRACE**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. (*Ephesians 3:20,21*)

***All* Amen.**

