

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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**“KEEP AWAKE THEREFORE, FOR YOU KNOW  
NEITHER THE DAY NOR THE HOUR.”**



**TWENTYTHIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 27**

**CONSECRATION SUNDAY**

**MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO 9:30AM**

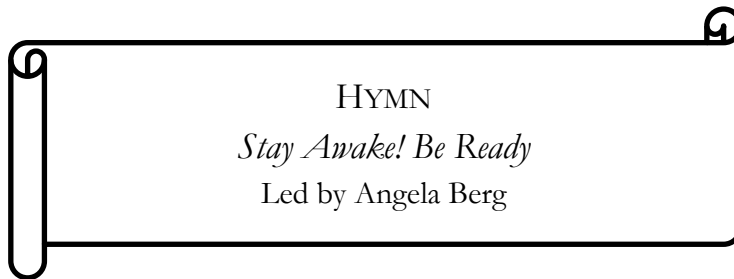
8 November, 2020

This morning we celebrate with an abridged service of Morning Prayer. This service is taken from the *1979 Book of Common Prayer*. **Words printed in bold are spoken by the congregation.**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### THE 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. *PS 43:3*



Stay awake, (clap, clap) be ready. (clap, clap)  
You do not know the hour when the Lord is coming.  
Stay awake, (clap, clap) be ready. (clap, clap)  
The Lord is coming soon!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Lord is coming soon.

Change your lives, (clap, clap) he's coming. (clap, clap)  
The one who is the light of the world is coming.  
Change your lives, (clap, clap) he's coming. (clap, clap)  
The reign of God is near!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
The reign of God is near.

Go back, (clap, clap) tell John (clap, clap)  
all that you have heard and have seen me doing,  
Go back, (clap, clap) tell John (clap, clap)  
the wonders that you see.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
The wonders that you see.

By the pow'r (clap, clap) of the Spirit (clap, clap)  
Mary will give birth to a son called Jesus.  
By the pow'r (clap, clap) of the Spirit (clap, clap)  
Emmanuel is near.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Emmanuel is near.

## THE CONFESSION

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Deacon and People together*

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.

*The Priest says*

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 INVITATORY AND PSALTERO

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**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 mercy of the Lord is everlasting:

*People:* **Come let us adore our God.**

## **Canticle A Song of the Love of Wisdom**

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,  
and concern for instruction is love of her,  
and love of her is the keeping of her laws,  
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,  
and immortality brings one near to God;  
so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

### **A READING FROM THE EPISTLE TO THE THESSOLONIANS 4:13-18**

*Read by: Jim Dirlam*

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **JUBILATE**

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \* serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know this: The Lord himself is God; \* he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; \* give thanks to him**

and call upon his Name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; \* and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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.

### A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 25:1-13

*Reader: The Rev. Deacon Lynn Werdal*

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

*Deacon:* The Word of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

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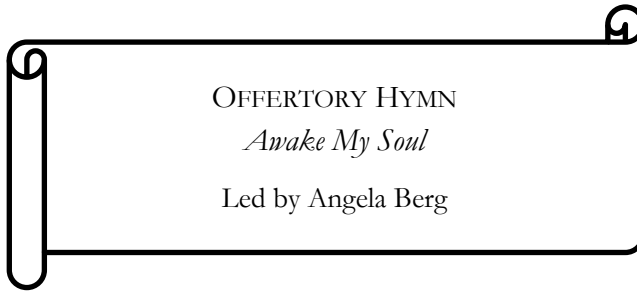
THE PEACE:

MAY THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

THE OFFERTORY

LET US WITH GLADNESS PRESENT THE OFFERINGS  
AND OBLATIONS OF OUR LIFE AND LABOR TO THE LORD.



OFFERTORY HYMN

*Awake My Soul*

Led by Angela Berg

Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
thy daily stage of duty run;  
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
to pay thy morning sacrifice:

Lord, I my vows to thee renew;  
disperse my sins as morning dew;  
guard my first springs of thought and will,  
and with thyself my spirit fill.

Direct, control, suggest, this day,  
all I design, or do, or say;  
that all my powers, with all their might,  
in thy sole glory may unite.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**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 PRAYERS

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*Officiant 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.**

## SUFFRAGES: SET A

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**And grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**Let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**For only in you can we live in safety.**

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth;

**Your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## PRAYER LIST

We pray for all those suffering with COVID-19, those who are quarantined and those anxious in the uncertainty of this constantly evolving pandemic, especially **Maria Lamorgese-Gibbons** (from Holy Innocents).

We pray for all those struggling to overcome violence in our communities, for peacemakers, peacekeepers, and peace seekers. We pray for all Police Officers may they be filled with hope and be kept safely in God's care.

We pray for peace and unity among us as we seek a new way forward as people of faith. We pray for our Nation as we move forward after our National election.

We pray for those who are in the hospital or home recuperating, especially: **Laura O'Malley** (John & Clare McAndrew's niece), **Amity Curry**, **Yumi**, **Linda Hill**, **Ronald Garvey**, **Max**, **Anne**, **Cathy**, **Barbara**, **Ellie Ruvo**, **Steven Schubert**, **Martha Thornley** and **Shlomo Teladano**. We pray for those who are homebound: **Esmerilda Hastings**, **Margaret Vaccaro**, **John & Lee Williams**, **Dorothy Dushin**, **Ronald Acheson**, **Jim**, **Marge**, **Joe Smith**, **Carolyn Damiano**, **Deanna Ammirato** and **Bill & Dorothy D'Amato**. We pray for those struggling with chronic illness, especially: **Liz & Jeff Daniele**, **Andrew Tom**, **Rena Kaplan**, **Rebecca**, **Vince Servio**, **Sarah Paruolo**, **Annaliese Haag**, **Martha**, **Gerald**, **Marilyn Griffin**, **Joyce**, **Paul Ruvo**, **Helene**, **Jason**, and **Jeff**. We pray for **Edwin Sanchez** and the students at **El Hogar School**, and the **American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem**. We pray for those who have died, especially, the over 230,000 in this country who have died from COVID-19. We pray for those in our hearts whom we now name, either silently or aloud.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with**



power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Blessing

Dismissal      *Deacon:* Let us bless the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

## CONSECRATION SUNDAY

### **Parish Zoom Brunch following the 9:30am Services**

Please join your Vestry Members, Wardens and Rector in making a financial commitment to the future of St. John's Episcopal Church.

We gather each week to praise God, celebrate God's Word and blessing in our lives and to discern the work we are called to in expression of God's blessing and grace to us.

Our Brunch is a chance to come together in joyful celebration, to visit and catch up and learn how Parish leadership has managed our Parish finances over this last 8 months of the COVID crisis. You have already seen their draft proposal for 2021, the Wardens and Vestry will gladly answer any questions you may have. Whether that draft budget is sustainable is completely dependent on your pledge to the work of St. John's.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85786773231?pwd=SitCRThXanYrTWViMkhIcnQ4YlM5dz09>

Meeting ID: 857 8677 3231 Passcode: 591108

### **Parish Announcements**

✦ **St. John's Thrift Shop** reopened with limited hours on Saturdays from 10a to 2p. Stop in and welcome everyone back. Offer to help out with sales, donations or sorting!

- ✦ **Offering:** During this time when we are not meeting together the church still incurs expenses. Please continue to support the St. John's. You can mail your offering to the church office. If you would like to make an online pledge you can do so by going to our website [stjohnspleasantville.org](http://stjohnspleasantville.org) and clicking on the "Donate" button. Thank you for your continued generosity during this anxious time. You may also support the church by shopping with AmazonSmile, the link is also found on our website.!
  
- ✦ **Tuesday Noon Zoom Prayers:** Please join us for a quiet and restorative moment in the middle of the day, talking about our concerns, people we want to pray for especially, Keep an eye on your inbox, the Zoom link will be emailed Tuesday morning
  
- ✦ **Wednesday Bible Study Group Discussion at 11am:** Please join us as we delve into The First Letter of John which has much to say about putting our hope in God. Keep an eye on your inbox, the Zoom link will be emailed Wednesday morning. .
  
- ✦ **The Pleasantville Interfaith Emergency Food Pantry NEEDS YOUR HELP**  
 Please donate food: Cases of sterilized milk, soups, tuna, chicken, beans, peanut butter, coffee, etc. can be drop shipped to St. John's if that is easiest for you.  
                   OR            Pick up ShopRite Gift Cards for distribution  
                   OR            [Make a monetary donation through the Pantry's website](#)

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