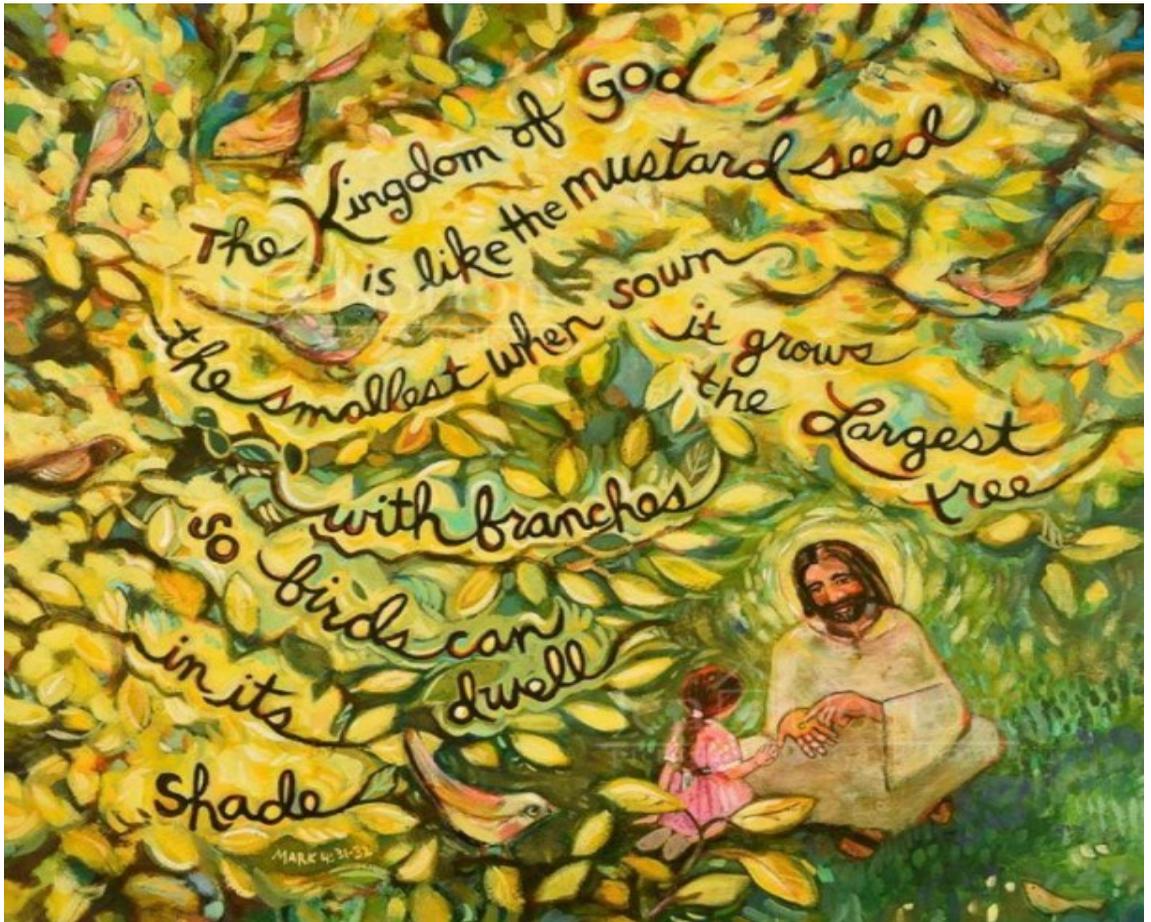


The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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9:30am

Morning Prayer



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DAILY MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN #671, VS 1,4 & 5

Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." (*Psalm 122:1*)

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

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

Silence

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. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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.

PSALM 20

1 May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, *
the name of the God of Jacob defend you;
2 send you help from the holy place of the Lord *
and strengthen you out of Zion;
3 remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;
4 grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans.

5 We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the name of our God; * .
may the Lord grant all your requests.
6 Now I know that you, O Lord, give victory to your anointed, *
whom you will answer out of the heavenly realms
with the victorious strength of your mighty hand.
7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the name of the Lord our God.
8 They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.
9 O Lord, give victory to your anointed *
and answer us when we call.

ANTIPHON

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
People: **Come let us adore him.**

CANTICLE 21: *Te Deum laudamus*

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory
The glorious company of apostles praise you
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. .
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL 17: 22-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 13: *Benedictus es, Domine*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS: 5:6-10 (11-3) 14-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 4:26-34

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

The Rev Margaret Tuttle

THE PEACE

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY HYMN #711

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Seek ye first
Scriptures for Singing

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God And His righ - teous - ness; And all these things shall be add - ed un - to you. Hal - le - lu, Hal - le - lu - jah!

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Chords: Eb, Eb/D, Cm, Eb/Bb, Ab, Eb/G, Fm, Bb7, Eb, Bb/D, Cm, Eb/Bb, Ab, Eb/G, Ab, Bb sus4, Bb7, Eb

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and it shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

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 & People

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

SUFFRAGES B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

PRAYER LIST

We pray for all those suffering with COVID-19.

We pray for all those struggling to find the light of Christ in this skeptical world

We pray for peace and unity among us as we seek a new way forward as people of faith.

We pray for our Nation may we work to build harmony.

We pray for those who are in the hospital or home recuperating, especially: **Bob** Gowen, **Yumi, Linda Hill, Ronald** Garvey, **Max, Anne, Cathy, Barbara, Hudson** Beauregard; **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, **Roberta** Darrigrand; **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, **Rebecca, Vince** Servio, **Sarah** Paruolo, **Annaliese** Haag, **Gerald, Marilyn** Griffin, **Joyce, Paul** Ruvo, **Helene, Jason, Peter, Hannelore,** 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 590,000 in this country who have died from COVID-19

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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A COLLECT FOR FAMILIES

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

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.

The Officiant

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore . **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Morning Prayer concludes, Live stream ends. In person Service continues with Holy Eucharist

**We are grateful to have The Rev Margaret Tuttle with us at St. John's
this morning as Officiant and Celebrant.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ALL GRADUATES: If you have a graduate in the family - high school or college - please be sure to email their name to Mother Mary so they can be included in our special prayers for graduates in June

BAPTISM: The beginning of our new life in Christ will be celebrated at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sunday September 12th, 2021. If you or your children are contemplating Baptism in the Episcopal Church, please contact Mother Mary+ for more information

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation is a moment in time when we celebrate the beginning of our adult journey with Jesus Christ. The Church takes preparation for this transition in our lives seriously, requiring a lengthy period of study, discussion and action. Classes will begin September 14th, 2021 and are open to anyone 7th grade and above. Please contact Mother Mary+ for more information

THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—Hello all. The thrift shop is open Saturdays from 10-2. We are seeking volunteers for 2 hour shifts to help out our regular staff. Please consider helping out. We have had staff changes since Covid-19 and have a smaller pool to draw from. Here is a link to our updated [Sign Up Genius](#). Thank you, Linda Spione on behalf of the executive committee

TUESDAY NOON ZOOM PRAYERS: Join us via ZOOM for a brief moment of calm in your all to hectic day.

STEWARDSHIP

We read in Mark's Gospel this morning of the smallest of seeds growing to the greatest of shrubs, giving shelter to many. So it is here at St. John's, we have planted, and continue to plant seeds of hope and faith, sometimes small seeds indeed, and watch them grow, we know not how, to give shelter and support to many. Please join us in the planting of seeds, please join us in being a place of shelter and support.

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