

# St. John's Episcopal Church

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## The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

Morning Prayer: Rite Two 9:30<sup>AM</sup>

Our mission is to restore all people to unity with God and each other, in Christ. (BCP 855)  
Posterazzi Christ & the Twelve Apostles artist unknown c. 1100 Barcelona Museu Nacional d'Art de Catalunya

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

### PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN: #645, vs. 1,3,&6

The king of love my shepherd is



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
 \* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 \* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear  
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion  
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant  
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der  
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my  
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port  
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.  
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.  
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.  
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. of Psalm 23 Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody; harm. *Hymnal 1982*

## THE OPENING SENTENCE

*Officiant:* Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a humble and contrite spirit to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite".

## CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

*Deacon:* 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. Alleluia**

### PSALM 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

2 You make me lie down in green pastures \*  
and lead me beside still waters.

3 You revive my soul \*

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, \*

I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; \*  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me \*  
in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, \*  
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## ANTIPHON

*Officiant:* The earth is the Lord's for God made it:  
*People:* **Come let us adore our God.**

### CANTICLE 3 THE SONG OF MARY *Magnificat*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, \*  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
For he hath regarded \*  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold from henceforth  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, \*  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him \*  
throughout all generations.  
He hath showed strength with his arm; \*  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, \*  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, \*  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed for ever.  
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 BOOK OF JEREMIAH 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord.  
Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd  
my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you  
have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then

I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

### CANTICLE 11 THE THIRD SONG OF ISAIAH

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.  
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 LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

## A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

# THE HOMILY

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# THE PEACE

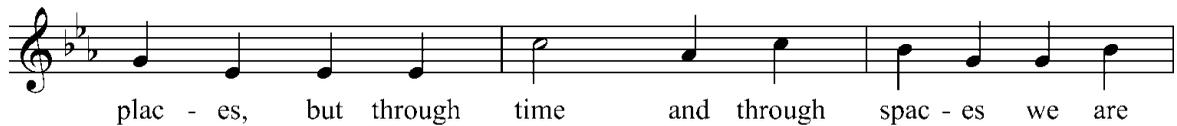
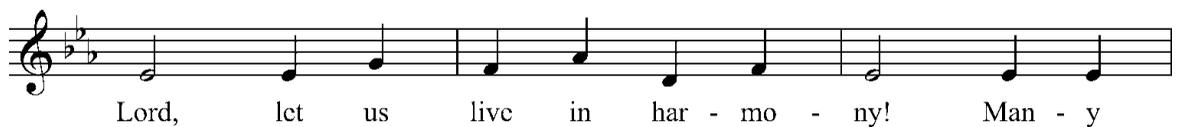
May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

**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 MHSO #105

*We are all children of the Lord*





## 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 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: SET A

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R. Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

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

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

**R. Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

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

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## **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, Ronald Garvey, Max, Anne, Cathy, Barbara, Hudson** Beauregard; **Ellie Ruvo, Steven Schubert, Natalie,** and **Anna** Asatrian

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, Linda Hill,** 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 Martha Thornley and the over 600,000 in this country who have died from COVID-19

*Officiant:* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## A COLLECT FOR LIBERATORS AND PROPHETS

O God, whose Spirit guides us into all truth and makes us free: Strengthen and sustain us as you did your servants Elizabeth, Amelia, Sojourner, and Harriet. Give us vision and courage to stand against oppression and injustice and all that works against the glorious liberty to which you call all your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE BLESSING

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

## CLOSING HYMN #708

*Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The lyrics are: "1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy" and "2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us".

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;  
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!  
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Words: *Hymns for the Young*, ca. 1830, alt. Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody, from *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord!

**People:** Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

### STEWARDSHIP

I was putting a book away on the shelves in my office, and I rediscovered an old, really old Book of Common Prayer which had fallen behind some other books. The Prayer Book had belonged to my Grandfather, also an Episcopal Priest, it is well read and well loved, barely holding together. It contains several pictures and prayer cards, marking best loved prayers and comforting Psalms.

My Grandfather died in 1948, before I ever had a chance to know him, but through the years I have turned to his Prayer Book frequently. It gave me joy to read the prayers that sustained him in times of triumph and times of sorrow.

Do you have a Prayer Book? This is a facet of Stewardship we do not often discuss, the care and nurture of our own spirituality, inviting God into our everyday trials through prayers and Psalms. We have plenty of Prayer Books available, your kids were given them when they were Confirmed too, have a look through.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

How are you with a paint brush? Are you an organizer? Perhaps you are a gardener? A techie perhaps, who likes filming/videography? A knack for marketing/communications? Can manage a copier? Would your Spanish get you more than a cup of coffee? A numbers person, you say? Accounting whiz? Enjoy getting to know new folks?

Then St. John's needs your help!

Please contact Warden Matt Ruvo; [mattsunset@yahoo.com](mailto:mattsunset@yahoo.com) or The Rev Mary B. Gregorius, [mothermarystjohns@gmail.com](mailto:mothermarystjohns@gmail.com) to sign up to volunteer

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

**SUNDAY JULY 18 3:00-5:00 ORCHESTRA 914 OPEN HOUSE**—Come hear about Orchestra 914 (formerly Chappaqua Orchestra). Learn about plans to become part of the thriving cultural life of Pleasantville and beyond. Refreshments will be served.

**MY GUARDIAN AND ME ADVENTURE BIBLE CAMP**—Looking for fun with the kids August 2-6? The people of Good Shepherd would like to invite families at St. Johns to join us! Daily outdoor adventures, come when you can. Contact Megan Whalen to register ([bookkeeper@stjohnspleasantville.com](mailto:bookkeeper@stjohnspleasantville.com)).

**BAPTISM:** The beginning of our new life in Christ will be celebrated at St. John's Episcopal Church on Sunday September 12th, 2021. Please contact Mother Mary + for information

**CONFIRMATION:** Confirmation is when we celebrate the beginning of our adult journey with Jesus Christ. The Church takes preparation for this transition in our lives seriously. Classes will begin September 14th, 2021 for anyone 7th grade and above. Please contact Mother Mary+ for more information

**THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**—The thrift shop is open Saturdays from 10-2. We are seeking volunteers for 2 hour shifts to help out our regular staff. Here is a link to our updated [Sign Up Genius](#). Thank you.

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

**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY:** at 11am; ZOOM link sent out in This Week @ St. John's. Please join us as we begin Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.