

Saint John's Episcopal Church

Pentecost 21 (proper 23)

SATURDAY and SUNDAY

October 11 and 13, 2024

The Prelude *King's Lynn*

setting by Charles Callahan

The Opening Hymn *There's a wideness in God's mercy*

The Hymnal 1982, 470

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria *said at 5pm, sung at 9:30*

The Hymnal 1982, S 280

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.

The Collect

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Amos 5:6-7,10-15

In our first lesson, the prophet Amos, denounces corruption and injustice, but offers hope to the survivors of the impending destruction if they will seek the Lord and love good while hating evil. They will not live to enjoy their ill-gotten luxury. The prudent individual will be shocked into silence.

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out
against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,

you have built houses of hewn stone,

but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards,

but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how

many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a
bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such
a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be
with you, just as you have said.

Hate evil and love good,

and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response, Psalm 90:12-17

The psalmist reflects on the passing character of human life in the face of the Lord's wrath and asks the everlasting God for wisdom to make use of the time.

We will read the Psalm breaking at the half-verse.

So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
**prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.**

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 4:12-16

This letter of Paul to the Hebrews reminds them that the Lord's word is active, probing the human heart and all creation, while we can yet boldly approach God's throne because Jesus, our great high priest, has known our weaknesses and temptations.

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Hymn *O for a closer walk with God*

The Hymnal 1982, 684

The Gospel *all standing, as able*

Mark 10:17-31

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters,

mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Alan R. Hesse

The Nicene Creed

Enriching our Worship 1

**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 truly 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,

who with the Father and the Son is

worshiped and glorified,

who 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.**

The Prayers of the People Form

Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us and for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

We thank you, O God.

For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

We thank you, O God.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women;

We thank you, O God.

For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

We thank you, O God.

For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

We thank you, O God.

For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets;

We thank you, O God.

That each pet here may be treasured with care;

We pray to you, O God.

That we may love and honor all your works, O God;

We pray to you, O God.

We remember those on our prayer list: Mary, Christy, Brian, Steve, Charlie, Bruce, Luke, Dave, John, Joe, Leo, Sunny, Kim, Alannah, David, and MaryAnn.

We give thanks for the churches in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer; Churches of the South Shore Deanery: Church of St. John the Evangelist (Duxbury), Society of St. Margaret (Duxbury), St. Andrew's Church (Hanover), Global Mission Partnerships Program.

The altar flowers have been given to the Glory of God in loving memory of David G. Sharpe, Sr., and David G. Sharpe, Jr., by the family.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation;
We pray to you, Lord God.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Lord God, help us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Help us as we welcome strangers. Help us see Christ in each other. Help us, O God, to open our lips, our minds and hearts. Help us, O God, to be faithful heralds for humanity, creation and Christ our Savior; through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Merciful and sustaining God,
we have sinned against you.**

**We confess our lack of gratitude
for the beauty and bounty of your creation:
teach us to see that your earth sustains us
and all that lives.**

**We confess that we have misused your earth:
grant us amendment of life.**

**We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites:
strengthen us in self-control.**

**We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted:
make us urgent now for its protection.**

**Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will
and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

The Priest 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 Peace

All stand, as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Offertory Anthem *Seek Ye First*

setting by Lloyd Larson

The Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!***



The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where marsh grass meets the sea. We praise you for the natural world you have created in all of its wonder and complexity.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our forebearers journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on fertile lands and by the abundant waters. Above all you remained faithful to all of your creation.

Together with angels and archangels, we join our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The Hymnal 1982, S 130

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you for Jesus, your son, He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the people, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again, after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you these gifts you have given us from your creation.

Creator, send your Holy Spirit on these gifts to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully serve you. Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with St. John the Baptizer, Saint Francis, The Blessed Virgin Mary, and all your saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and all of creation and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bring all of us, from every clan, tribe, and nation together, to feast upon your abundant banquet, prepared from the fruits of your earth and made possible by the redemption of your Christ. Through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the all of creation, all glory and honor to God and Creator, for ever and ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread/Fraction Anthem

The Hymnal 1982, S 164

Celebrant These are the gifts of God, for you the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Christ in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Please hold out your hand to receive the host. The diocese forbids us from intinction (dipping) in the chalice.

You may ask for the chalice or receive the wine in the small cups offered to you in a tray.

If you prefer not to receive the wine, please cross your arms and wait for the minister to say "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

As you return to your seats, deposit your cup in the place provided in a white pedestal table.

If you **prefer to receive a blessing** you may cross your arms across your chest.

If you would like to **remain in your seat** and receive communion, please **let an usher know**.

The Communion Hymn *As we gather at your table*

Wonder Love and Praise, 763

1 As we gather at your Table,
as we listen to your Word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.

2 Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that Feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we and all of your creation are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your kingdom in your creation and in the heavenly world to come.

And now, Father, send us out into the world you created.

Help us to do the work you have given us to do,

to heal creation and to mend our relationships with one another.

Help us to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Go out into the world rejoicing, and encounter the Creator who waits to meet you there; Rejoice in its richness and diversity and live as those who praise God for its bounty; and the blessing of the Creator God, the Eternal Father, the Risen Son and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always.

Amen.

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries and Celebrations

The Closing Hymn *Gracious Spirit, give your servants*

Wonder Love and Praise, 782

1

Gracious Spirit, give your servants
joy to set sin's captives free,
hope to heal the brokenhearted,
peace to share love's liberty.

Through us bring your balm of gladness
to the wounded and oppressed;
help us claim and show God's favor
as a people called and blessed.

- 2 Word made flesh, who gave up glory
to become our great high priest,
taking on our human nature
to redeem the last and least:
let your courage and compassion
shape and guide our ministries;
as our Savior and our Shepherd,
lead us to the truth that frees.
- 3 Loving God, who birthed creation
from the nothingness of space,
kindling life where all was empty,
turning chaos into grace:

- when we feel confused and fruitless,
dawn upon our restless night;
give us faith's imagination,
hope's renewing, love's delight.
- 4 Triune God, eternal Being,
never ending, unbegun,
boundless grace and perfect justice,
righteous and forgiving One:
so enfold us in your mercy
that our wills and yours unite;
through us may the world behold you,
find your love, your truth, your light.

The Dismissal

Eucharistic Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude *Fughetta*

J. Pachelbel

Serving This Weekend

Celebrant: **The Rev. Alan R. Hesse**

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: **Mary Ames**(5pm) and **Charles Diana**(9:30am)

Lectors: **Lillian Woo** (5pm) and **Helen Miller** (9:30am)

Musicians: **Misao Koyama** and **Choir**

Altar Guild: **Melissa Abbott, Jann Czarnetzki** and **Judy Cohen**

Ushers: **Mary Howe** and **Judy Cohen**

Sunday School: Will Hibbard and **Emily Hibbard**

Hospitality: **Jeannie Johnson**

Announcements

St. John's Episcopal Church Sandwich Financial Summary For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2024

Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit) at the end of September was (\$49,043) compared to a budgeted deficit of (\$39,302). The \$9,741 unfavorable budget variance primarily results from lower Fundraising and Space Use revenue than planned year-to-date (YTD). Fortunately, Pledge and other miscellaneous revenue are ahead of target YTD, and overall expenses are on target which is helping to mitigate the combined \$17,875 unfavorable variance in Fundraising and Space Use. The decision not to have a golf tournament this year and the timing of the #161 Main Street Rectory renovation are driving this unfavorable variance. Celia Bailey-Ochoa, Treasurer

Caring for Creation announces its next environmental presentation: Water Quality Issues of the Lakes and Ponds of Cape Cod. Julie Berkman, PhD, of the APCC will discuss this topic in the Parish Hall at 7pm on Tuesday, October 22. The presentation is open to the public and admission is free.

The Cape and Islands Deanery Watch Party for Bishop Julia Whitworth's Consecration is on **Saturday, Oct. 19** at St. David's, 205 Old Main St. South Yarmouth. Refreshments will be served at 10:00 am and the Livestream begins at 11:00 am. Hope you will join the celebration!

A webinar for wardens and vestry members to review diocesan policies will be offered on Saturday, Oct. 26, 1-4 p.m. The hope is that at least two members of the elected lay leadership from each congregation will attend one of the webinars—to include short presentations on the policies, break-out group time for discussion and time for questions and answers. FOR INFORMATION: Martha Gardner, Missioner for Networking and Formation mgardner@diomass.org or 617-482-4826, ext. 403).

The Diocese of Massachusetts requests your support for the victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Please visit: <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief>.

Additionally, the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office along with several local police departments are collecting and shipping items to the same areas. You name it, they need it. Donations can be left in the Narthex, or dropped off at the office.

We could use some donations of candy for Halloween! Fr. Al will be on the front porch of #161 on Halloween to participate in the festivities along Main Street and neighboring streets. You can leave your donation in the Narthex, or

bring it to the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity! **Sincere apologies** to Sue Neel! The Halloween extravaganza will take place on Nov. 3 in the Undercroft, following Sunday service, not October 27th.

Fr. Al asks you to join him and other learners in the Parish House (161 Main St) for **Brown Bag Bible Study!** Bring your brown bag lunch each noon beginning on November 14. More information to follow or check the Messenger.

Last, but certainly not least, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the success of Porchfest/Sandwichfest last weekend. St. John's offered crafts, food, popcorn, a welcoming spirit, and good cheer to many visitors and friends. The church was open and a number of people walked through, ooh-ing and ahh-ing at the beauty of our church. Even "Stella" was present (thank you Mary and Alan Carlson).

October 12-October 20, 2024

Saturday, Oct. 12

9:30am AA, Undercroft

5pm Worship with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, Oct. 13

9:30am Worship with Holy Eucharist and Sunday School

Children's Choir Rehearsal after coffee hour

Hospitality following worship, Parish Hall

Monday, Oct. 14

10am Al-Anon, Parish Hall

Tuesday, Oct. 15

12noon AA, Parish Hall

Wednesday, Oct 16

1pm Quilters, Parish Hall (weekly until Christmas Market)

2pm Choir Rehearsal, Parish Hall

Thursday, Oct. 17

12noon AA, Parish Hall

4:30 Lasit Performing Arts, Parish Hall

6pm AA, Undercroft

Friday, Oct. 18

No activities scheduled

Saturday, Oct. 19

9:30am AA, Parish Hall

5pm, Evening Prayer

Sunday, Oct. 20

9:30am Worship with Holy Eucharist and Sunday School

Hospitality following the service, Parish Hall

Welcome to St. John's!

Whether this is your first visit to St. John's or you are a long-time member, please know that there is a warm welcome for you here!

Please feel free to participate fully in our service today and in the life of the parish. We are glad you have come and hope you leave feeling closer to God! At several points in the service, you may notice that some people are kneeling, some are standing and some are sitting. We are given this choice and you should feel free to do whichever is most appropriate for you. Please know that you are invited to fully participate in the Holy Eucharist as a Baptized Christian.

If you would like to know more about St. John's and may be interested in membership or interested in being placed on our email mailing list, please contact the church office.

Saint John's Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Church of Sandwich Est. 1854

159 Main St, Sandwich, MA



Office Hours, Tues-Fri 9am-2pm

Parish Office 508-888-2828

Susan Sharpe, Parish Administrator parishadmin@sjchurchsandwich.org

Misao Koyama, Music Director music@sjchurchsandwich.org

The Rev. Alan R. Hesse, Rector; 508-505-5668 cell, Rector@StJohnsSandwich.org