

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

PRELUDE – MICHAEL RACINE

WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS – ZOOM HOST

OPENING SONG

ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

**All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep
We sing**

(Chorus)

**Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
*(repeat)***

(Chorus 2)

**Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
*(repeat)***

CLERGY WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: 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.

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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 OF THE DAY

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON—GENESIS 50:15-21

Reader: A Reading from the book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is

doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

THE RESPONSE—PSALM 103:1-13 (*Led by Celebrant*)

Benedic, anima mea

- ¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- ² **Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.**
- ³ He forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;
- ⁴ **He redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**
- ⁵ He satisfies you with good things,
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- ⁶ **The LORD executes righteousness
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**
- ⁷ He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.
- ⁸ **The LORD is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**
- ⁹ He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- ¹⁰ **He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- ¹² **As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.**
- ¹³ As a father cares for his children,
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON—ROMANS 14:1-12

Reader: A Reading from the epistle to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL—MATTHEW 18:21-35

Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my

heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON – THE REV. ELLENDALE HOFFMAN, D.MIN., LMFT

THE NICENE CREED

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 /INTERCESSORY PRAYER (III)

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: For all who suffer from the coronavirus and all who minister to them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Leader: Where there is racial injustice, discrimination, or violence, make us instruments of your love.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(Prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings may be added.)

In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

*St. John's, Stamford; Calvary, Stonington; St. Mark's, Storrs.
The Province of New England: the Dioceses of Connecticut, Maine,
Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Western
Massachusetts; their bishops, clergy, parish and diocesan staff, and
congregations; Provincial Synod; all Provincial Networks.*

In the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

*The Anglican Church of South America and
The Most Revd Gregory James Venables, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican
Church of South America & Bishop of Argentina.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
(Silence may be kept)*

**People: 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 ABSOLUTION:

*Celebrant: Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive you all our 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

*Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.*

(The altar is prepared by Celebrant.)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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 him thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.
On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
Therefore, according to his command, O Father,*

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit 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 receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.*

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast.

*Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.*

(The Celebrant receives the Sacrament and then offers Communion to those gathered in the churchyard. Instructions will be given by Celebrant.)

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

I SHALL NOT WANT

**From the love of my own comfort
From the fear of having nothing
From a life of worldly passions
Deliver me O God**

**From the need to be understood
And from a need to be accepted
From the fear of being lonely
Deliver me O God (2x)**

(Chorus)

**And I shall not want
No I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness I shall not want (2x)**

**From the fear of serving others
Oh and from the fear of death or trial
And from the fear of humility
Deliver me O God (2x)**

TAKE OVER

**Thirsty, I'm thirsty for You
In a dry land with no drink, I need You**

**I know You made a home, inside this heart of stone
So turn it into flesh, Spirit soften it**

**I give You all I have, holding nothing back
Jesus I am Yours, Jesus I am Yours**

(Chorus)

**Take over, Lover of my soul
Take control
I surrender, there's nothing I want more
Than to know You, Lord**

(Bridge)

**What am I supposed to do with all my kingdoms next to You
You're the Lord, You're the Lord
I could gain the world and more, it's all nothing next to You
My reward, my reward**

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (*For those unable to receive communion today*)

All: God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, reshaping in your likeness the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence; through Christ our Risen Lord, Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

CLOSING SONG

BUILD MY LIFE

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus, the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus, the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

(Chorus)

**Holy, there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me**

(Bridge)

**I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken**

DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – PAUL SMITH

Tithes & Offerings

Even though we are currently unable to open our church building for services and events, our ministries and building projects at St. John's are still going strong! We invite you to continue supporting the ministry of St. John's through your tithes and offerings. To donate online through PayPal, please visit <https://paypal.me/stjohnsnewhaven>

OUR PREACHER TODAY

Ellendale and her husband, the Rev. Chuck Hoffman, have served churches in the Diocese of Massachusetts and Connecticut since her ordination in 1976. Ellendale retired from Grace Episcopal Church, Old Saybrook, where she served in a variety of capacities for 30 years, including Associate Rector, Priest in Charge and Interim Rector. Ordained Deacon at Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans, LA, in 1976 and then Priest in 1977 at the Church of the Messiah, Woods Hole, MA, Ellendale is one of the first women to be ordained priest in the Episcopal Church. She has served in many roles in her bi-vocational ministry. With a doctorate in Psychology and Clinical Studies and licensed as a mental health clinician, she has served as parish priest, clinical director in community mental health centers, private

practice, seminary teaching and transitional ministry. At the center of it all is her love and commitment to Jesus and her willingness to go where the Lord calls her to serve. In recognition of her long and varied ministry, Ellendale was seated as a Special Honorary Canon in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut in 2014 at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, where she serves on the Cathedral Chapter. She is certified in Appreciative Transitional Ministry through the Clergy Leadership Institute. Her greatest times of fulfillment in ministry are helping people discover their unique talents in the Body of Christ, finding their purpose, and seeing Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit for ministry in the Kingdom of God. Her greatest joys are times with her husband of 44 years. They have four grown children who live in California, Wisconsin, New York and Connecticut.

INTRODUCING OUR SEMINARIAN-IN-RESIDENCE

Joe Rose, a third year MDiv student at Yale Divinity School who is in the ordination process in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, is the St. John's seminarian-in-residence for the 2020-21 academic year. Joe is a native of the Pacific Northwest and a former investigative journalist who also serves as executive director of Trinity Retreat Center in West Cornwall while he attends seminary. He and his wife, Heidi, have been married for 27 years and have two daughters, Una and Eleanor. His plan for ordained ministry focuses on evangelism, creation care, and storytelling for the missional age.

RESOURCES FOR THIS LITURGY:

This liturgy is created by the clergy and people of St. John's Episcopal Church, New Haven, CT using:

Book of Common Prayer, 1979, Holy Eucharist Rite II

Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer: <https://www.episcopalct.org/Find-Resources/General-Parish-Operations/Cycle-of-Prayer/>

The Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer:
<https://www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer/download-the-acp.aspx>

Prayer of Spiritual Communion written by The Rev. Bennet Brockman, priest of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, at the request of the bishops of Connecticut:

https://www.episcopalct.org/Content/www/CMS/files/Alternate_Prayer_for_Spiritual_Communion.pdf

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