

**ST. JAMES' ANGLICAN CHURCH**

The Twenty-first Sunday of Pentecost  
 Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.

Incumbent: The Venerable John E. Anderson

Director of Music: Jeff Campbell

Guest Organist: Blair Bailey

October 22nd, 2023  
 FaithWorks Sunday

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*Music for hymns not in hymn book available at the back of the church.*

Prelude

Processional Hymn 350 "Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

*St. Thomas*

WelcomeGathering of the Community

*Celebrant* We gather today to remember and proclaim that we are God's people.

**All            We are God's people! God's presence is among us!**

*Celebrant* Like Moses, we seek an encounter with God's goodness.

**All            God, show us your goodness that we may glorify you in all that we do.**

*Celebrant* God's goodness passes by us every day in the gracious gifts of creation and in the faces of our neighbors.

**All            God, help us notice your goodness in everything and everyone that we meet.**

*Celebrant* When we notice God's goodness all around us, we recognize this truth: all things are God's.

**All            Let us give to God the things that are God's! Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, April 2023.  
 Grace and Collect for Purity*

*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**All            And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God,  
**All** to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you  
 no secrets are hidden. 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.

Gathering Hymn "God of the Bible" (Fresh as the Morning) *God Of The Bible*

V1 God of the Bible, God in the Gospel, hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to  
 come, you are our centre, daylight or darkness, freedom or prison, you are our  
 home.

**Refrain** Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you do  
 not change. Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise, God always faithful, you  
 do not change.

V2 God in our struggles, God in our hunger, suffering with us, taking our part,  
 still you empower us, mothering Spirit, feeding, sustaining from your own heart.

**Refrain**

V5 Hope we must carry, shining and certain, through all our turmoil, terror and  
 loss, bonding us gladly one to the other, till our world changes, facing the Cross.

**Refrain**

The Gathering Prayer

You know us each by name, O God, and in your sight we have found favour,  
 yet our minds cannot comprehend the vision of your glory or the vastness of  
 your love. Grant, that as we glimpse your greatness, we may always return to  
 you the praise that is yours alone. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.** *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

Proclamation of the Word

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

Exodus 33: 12-23 page 87-88

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

PSALM 99

*Reader* The Lord is king; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake. The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples. Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One.

**All**            **The Lord our God is the Holy one.**

*Reader* "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob." Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; he is the Holy One.

**All**            **The Lord our God is the Holy one.**

*Reader* Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name, they called upon the Lord, and he answered them. He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

**All**            **The Lord our God is the Holy one.**

*Reader* "O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds." Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him up on his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

**All**            **The Lord our God is the Holy one.**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 page 1146

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Gospel Acclamation 348 "The Living God be Praised"

*Leoni*

Verse 1

The Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 22: 15-22 page 949

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation 348 "The Living God be Praised"  
Verse 4

Leoni

Sermon The Venerable John Anderson

Solo "Let the Bright Seraphim"  
Alexandra Teske, soprano

G.F. Handel

Musical Meditation Hymn 360 "Bless the Lord, My Soul"  
Sung Twice

Bless The Lord

The Prayers of the People Mae Cox, Lay-reader

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Bless The Lord

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*(Silence)*

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 neighbours 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.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon you and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *(Please stand if able)*

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*(All may exchange a sign of peace with a bow, a smile but please no physical contact)*

Offertory Hymn 423 "How Great Thou Art"

*How Great Thou Art*

The Celebration of the EucharistPrayer over the Gifts

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, so that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.** *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

Eucharistic Prayer 3 (BAS pg. 198)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to love no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with angels and archangels and all who served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus (732 CP)

*Community Mass/R. Proulx*

**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* We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you,. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out death into life.

On the night he as handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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, Father, according to his command,

**All**            **we remember his death,**  
                  **we proclaim his resurrection,**  
                  **we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and brings us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread (BAS pg. 212)

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All We, being many, are one body, for we all share in one bread.**

*Celebrant* These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei (747 CP)

*Schubert/Proulx*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

The Communion

Communion Hymns

Hymn 78 "Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness"

*Scmucke Dich*

Hymn 85 "Shepherd of Souls"

*St. Agnes*

Prayer After Communion

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)*

Glory to God

Celebrant Glory to God,

**All Whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessings

Announcements

Recessional Hymn 328 "Lo, God is Here! Let Us Adore"

St. Catherine

Dismissal

Postlude

*We wish to thank Alexandra Teske and Blair Bailey  
for sharing their musical gifts with us this morning.*

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