

ST. JOHN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

9:30 AM

Welcome to Historic St. John's Episcopal Church. We are very glad you are celebrating with us today. Child care is available in the nursery (room 205) during the 9:30 AM service, except on May 29 & June 5. Normally, The Adult Lectionary Class usually meets after the 9:30 AM service in the library as well as on Zoom. This Sunday, the 22nd, we'll have a special guest speaker instead of the class. (See the back of the bulletin.)

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion of bread and wine. If you are of another religious tradition or don't have a religious affiliation, we encourage you to come forward at the time of Communion to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest while at the communion station.

If you don't have a church home, we hope you will consider making St. John's your spiritual home. Feel free to contact the Parish Office for more information: (703) 803-7500 or e-mail us at SJECCentreville@aol.com.

St. John's stands upon its original foundation first consecrated on July 14, 1850, and for 171 years has been an integral part of the Centreville Community. St. John's is rooted in the Anglican Tradition and remains a center for healing, hope and hospitality. We are pleased to share this historic church with our ministry partners: Wellspring United Church of Christ, St. Anthony of Padua (American National Catholic Church), Myungsung Korean Baptist Church, Centreville Spanish Seventh-Day Adventist Church, the Presbyterian Korean Church of Vision and Love, Grace Baptist Church, Nepali Pathshala of Virginia, 12 + 12 Alcoholics Anonymous, Elim Kids Academy, Gamblers Anonymous, Grace and Glory Korean Baptist Church, and Ministerio Cristiano. As we are live streaming the Sunday services on the internet, please be aware that you are being recorded.

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

The Prelude

The Processional Hymn: 292, "O Jesus, crowned with all renown"

Kingsfold

The Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

The Collect for Purity

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The Gloria: 417, "This is the feast of victory for our God"

Festival Canticle

The Collect of the Day:

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O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Psalm: 67, said responsively by half-verse

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The Second Lesson: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Gospel Hymn: 513, vs 1 & 2, "Like the murmur of the dove's song"

Bridegroom

The Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The Gospel Hymn: 513, vs 3, "Like the murmur of the dove's song"

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The Sermon: The Rev. Philene Ware Dunn

After the sermon, a moment of silence is observed. Please remain seated.

The Nicene Creed [stand]

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The Prayers of the People, form III [*kneel*]

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The Confession of Sin & Absolution

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The Peace [stand]

The Celebration of Holy Communion

The Offertory

The Offertory Sentence [sit]

The Doxology - Hymn: 380, verse 3, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer: B [*stand*]

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Sanctus: S125, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord"

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem: S161, "Lamb of God"

Agnus Dei

The Invitation to Communion

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The Communion Hymn: 455, "O love of God, how strong and true"

Dunedin

The Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Blessing

The Announcements

The Recessional Hymn: 405, "All things bright and beautiful"

Royal Oak

The Dismissal

The Postlude

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of Charlotte Anne Ridley, by Craig Staresinich and Nita Amar.*

We welcome the Rev. Philene Ware Dunn, who is serving as the supply clergyperson through July 31. Philene and her husband live in Vienna. In addition to supply work, she provides an online ministry of bible study and other forums.

Celebrant	The Rev. Philene Ware Dunn
Intercessor	The Rev. Deacon Steve Busch
Crucifer	Meg Crossett
Lector	George Dewey
Usher	Durinda Smith
Alms Counters	Katharine Lavery, Marie McDermott
Altar Guild	Meg Crossett

Updated Masking Policy - Due to the current COVID19 transmission rates in Fairfax County, the Vestry has decided to request masking again during worship services. We will monitor the transmission rates and modify this policy if things in our area get better. We will use the data from the Fairfax County Health Department to make these determinations.

TODAY: IN - PERSON presentation, after the service: *FOLLOWING THE THEME OF SABBATH REST*

Today, Sunday, May 22, Kirk Gibson will be joining us after the service to talk about retreats at Shrine Mont. Many parishes have yearly parish retreats, though individuals can make private retreats as well.

He will come to talk about sabbath rest by having a personal and/or parish retreat at Shrine Mont (our conference and retreat center). **Join us today at 10:45 AM in the library.** You can check out lots of Shrinemont offerings at: www.shrinemont.com.

Dear St. John's Parishioners and Friends:

The love for our neighbors has truly been reflected in the responses I received from you after last Sunday's service. I pray we continue to work toward loving our neighbors as we love ourselves and our families. As I prepared and delivered my sermon on racial and social injustice for last Sunday, I had no idea that the horrible massacre of ten innocent people had occurred just the night before. I usually try to have my sermons done by Tuesday which, in the case, was several days prior to this horrific act of hate. Hate is the devil's tool. Hate is the antithesis of what Jesus taught us about love. God is love. Hate is evil. Nothing good can come from hate. How to we defeat hate? How to we prevent acts of evil such as this? I'm not sure what the answer is, but I do know that if we love one another and help our neighbors love one another, we can help prevent these evil actions. St. Paul taught us that "Love is patient, Love is Kind. It is not boastful or envious or arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way." If this young man had any of these words imprinted in his heart, he would not have committed this horrible act. I encourage all of us to pray for the families who lost loved ones in the act of evil and hate. May the peace and love of God Almighty be with all the bereaved and with us as we mourn this hateful action.

- The Rev. Deacon Steve Busch

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