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THE HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY 9:00 AM

PLEASE STAND.

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

A brief silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of +Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

I Love to Tell the Story

Hymn # 661

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

A: A reading from Isaiah—

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the Lord] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

“The Lord is my light and my salvation.”

P: ¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C: ⁴**One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.**

P: ⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

C: ⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

P: ⁷Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

C: ⁸**My heart speaks your message—“Seek my face.” Your face, O Lord, I will seek.**

P: ⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away your servant in anger. Cast me not

away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

MEDITATION

Virginia Highlands Suite, Movements 1&4 (Featuring the Bell Choir)

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God’s salvation.

A: A reading from 1 Corinthians—

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

¹²What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.”

¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,

¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name.

¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else).

¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PLEASE STAND AS WE WELCOME THE GOSPEL.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff has lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' and the second staff has 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶“the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.

¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”

²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the Sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Shine Jesus, Shine

Hymn # 671

PLEASE STAND.

CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Petition Response to “Merciful God:” **Receive our prayer.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the Lord.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of the Lord’s peace, and may say, “Peace be with you,” or similar words. The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the Church, including the care of those in need. **Our offering baskets are located in the back of the Sanctuary.**

OFFERTORY

We Believe by Besig and Price (Featuring the Adult Choir)

PLEASE STAND.

OFFERING PRAYER

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

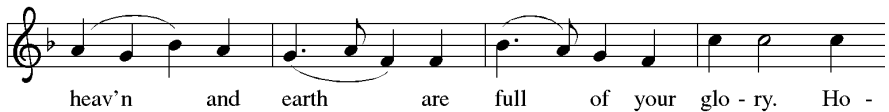
C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The thanksgiving continues with the preface for the day.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me. For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and

death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



PLEASE REMAIN STANDING.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament are invited to come forward to receive. Follow the instructions of the ushers. Children who have not yet received First Communion instruction are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are not comfortable receiving at this time, you are welcome to remain seated.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Will You Come and Follow Me?

Behold the Lamb by Martin Willet

Hymn # 738

PLEASE STAND.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this

table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod
+bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Christ Be Our Light

Hymn # 715

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

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We Welcome All Visitors to our Services!

Please introduce yourself and sign our guest book on the desk in the Sanctuary.

Parents with Restless Children may wish to move to the library, where a loudspeaker has been installed so that they may continue to follow the service in more comfortable surroundings.



Today's Altar Flowers Are Given

In Loving Memory of Lillian Eastlund, on Her Birthday Anniversary
by John and Janice Eastlund

In Loving Memory of Hermine Grube, on Her Birthday Anniversary
by Norma Mantay and Family

Today's altar flowers were provided by Stop & Shop of Levittown.

Today's Liturgical Color is green, a symbol of our growth in Christ.

Serving Today

Presider: The Reverend John Krahn

Lector: Roxanne Toomey

Acolyte: James Heron

Communion Assistant: Barbara Stone

Altar Guild: Elaine DiChiara, June Fahey, Emmy Grenzlig, Barbara Rath

Counters: Robert Ahearn, John Gross, Hans Vogel

Ushers: Robert Ahearn and Roger Ohlander

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Congregational Council

Weekly Announcements

- **After service today** is the 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting. All voting members of the congregation are highly encouraged to attend.
- There is **no** Sunday School or Confirmation Program today. Classes will resume as scheduled next week. Please see your email for details.
- **Candidates for the 2023 Church Council** will be put forth today. We thank everyone who has answered the call to serve our Church!
- After serving for six years, Regina Coons and Bob Henderson have retired from Council. We thank them for their tireless dedication.
- Volunteers are needed to serve as a Communion Assistant on **January 29th and February 5th**. Please contact the Church office. Thank you!
- Volunteers are needed to serve as Coffee Hour Hosts next Sunday, **January 29th**. Please speak with Jan Eastlund to sign up. Thank you!
- We are looking to resume our Tech Literacy Workshop! If you would like to attend, please contact the Church office or speak with Della.
- Registration for the **2023-2024 school year** at The Christian Nursery School is now open! Please visit their website for details.
- The Christian Nursery School invites you to participate in their winter cookie dough fundraiser. Order forms are available on the Coffee Hour table. Please submit all orders by **Monday, January 30th**.
- The St. John's Food Pantry list has been updated with new items. All donations are appreciated and can be left in the loggia. Thank you!

CLC This Week: January 22nd through 29th

Wednesday, January 25th: Spire Mailing, 9:30AM, Rm. 2000

Wednesday, January 25th: Bell Choir, 7PM and Adult Choir, 8PM

Friday, January 27th: Thrift Shop, 9AM-3PM

For a complete list of activities this month, please visit our website,
or check your latest copy of the Spire.

St. John's Food Pantry

Your donations are appreciated. Thank you!

Chili with Beans - Cream of Mushroom Soup - Dish Soap

Facial Tissues - Ketchup & Mustard - Laundry Soap

Oil 48oz. - Saltines - Spam

Please check the expiration dates on packaged foods before donating.

Support Our Local Churches!

- **St. David's Lutheran Church in Massapequa Park** is holding a toiletry supply drive. Needed items include: bar soap, cotton swabs, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, mouthwash, shampoo, shaving cream, tissues, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and more. All proceeds go to the Lutheran Social Services New Life Food Pantry.

Stewardship Sunday

Today is Stewardship Sunday. Enclosed in your bulletin is a 2023 Estimate of Giving Card. These cards and a letter on the value of your giving were also emailed to the congregation. Completed cards may be submitted to the Church office. In these uncertain times, giving within our means ensures the continued success of our church. Questions can be directed to any member of Council, or our Treasurer, Barbara Stone. On behalf of all our members, we appreciate your kind generosity!



We Remember Especially Those On Our Prayer List

Debbie Becker - Ellen Bello - James Cathcart

Danielle Chillemi - Sal Costanzo - Sue Costanzo - Marge Dahlberg

Joan Drake - Joanne Drenckhahn - Charlie Fisher - Bob Freyer

Travis Gentile - Betty Gibberman - Barbara Grieser - Theresa Heenan

Bill Henderson - Arnold Howard - Carolyn Howard - Suzanne Marshall

Janet McShea - William McShea - Bill Miller - Marilyn Miller

James Pallas - Barbara Proce - Gary Proce - Catherine Rao - Emmett Reilly

Rose Reilly Ann Reimer - Barbara Reimer - Della Dorn Rice

Helga Richert - Eunice Rischan - Joseph Rizzo - Christopher Schwarz

Doris Spiegle - Natalie Stone - James Toomey - Laura Vogel

To add a name to our prayer list, contact the Church office.

Names remain on the list for a period of six weeks per request.



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