

**The First Sunday after Pentecost
Trinity Sunday - May 30, 2021**

WELCOME TO SMSJ



PRELUDE Instrumental

OPENING MUSIC "Come, Join the Dance of the Trinity"

Text: Richard Leach

Music: English folk tune

ACCLAMATION (Please stand)

Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit.

OPENING COLLECTS

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.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Deacon: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8 (*Please be seated*)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.**

And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, "Glory!"

**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 8: 12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Celtic Alleluia” (2x) *Please stand*

Fintan O’Carroll and Christopher Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you

believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3: 1-17

Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON The Rev'd Cindy Rasmussen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “This I Believe”

Crocker Matthew Philip and Fielding Benjamin David

Please stand

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Come, Holy Spirit, into your church and its people. Fill us with the power and purpose of the gospel.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Come, Holy Spirit, into the nations of the world. Rain down your peace onto nations at war or in crisis.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Come, Holy Spirit, into the lives of those in need. We especially pray for Mary Ann Baez, Joyce Alexander, Aria Jenkins, Donald Rose, Anna Yanes, Annie Graham, Nuri Lazare, Addy, Jim, Georgia Taber, Maurice Holmes, Jane Finn, Al Barnes, An Baley, LaVonne Nelson, Denise Terrell and Bishop Singh. Blanket them with your healing and hope.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Come, Holy Spirit, into our community of faith. Support us in our mission, our celebrations, and our woes.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

Come, Holy Spirit, into our thanksgiving for the lives of all the faithful departed. We especially pray today for Chris Barnes. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Leader: Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

CLOSING COLLECT: (Pastor Cindy) Into your care, O God we place ourselves and all our prayers, trusting your promise of new life in Jesus Christ, our risen Savior

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION *(Please be seated)*

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MUSIC

“Crowded Table” *(Please stand)*

Brandie Carlile, Natalie Hemby, and Lori McKenna

Text adapted for worship

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, you made the world and all that is in it;
you made this day and we will be glad and rejoice in it!
For this is the day your prophets testified about
when you destroy the shroud of death
and open the gates of salvation to all who believe.

You sent your Son, Jesus, among us,
anointed with your Holy Spirit and power
to preach peace and heal all who were oppressed.

Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us,
with earth, sea and sky, with angels and archangels who envelop us,
with all the saints before us and beside us,
with sisters and brothers, east and west, north and south,
And with loved ones, separate from us now, who yet,
in this mystery are close to us,

We join in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O God, who breaks open deep the tomb of our pain,
calls life out of death, and leads all creation into life eternal.

Blessed is your Spirit, that broods over the deep, stirs our hearts, who
comforts and confounds. Your Spirit, that animates all of creation - plants,
animals, and all of us. Your Spirit, that dwells in us.

On the night when he was betrayed,
took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.**

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

So, as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Therefore, here in this place,
we celebrate the flames that gave birth to the church
And has shared
among his community through the centuries,
and shares with us now.

Come now, O Spirit of Christ, brood over these bodily things,
this bread and this wine.

**May they be for us your body and blood,
vibrant with life, healing, renewing and making us whole.**

Anoint us with your life-giving power that we might recognize your
presence in each and every person

**By Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all
honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we share in this one bread.

The feast of life has been prepared for you -
partake and be filled with the goodness of God.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Loving Spirit"

Words: Shirley Erena Murray

Music: Dand Gregof Corner

All are welcome to receive communion.

Gluten-free wafers and grape juice is available.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia. Alleluia. Go and tell how God has touched your life.

ALL: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia**

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (May 31st - June 6th)

- Monday *Memorial Day - Office is closed*
- 6pm E.D.E.N. 1199 Culver Garden
Captains: Melanie and Judy
- Tuesday 9am Food Shelf Ministry Prep & Unload Foodlink Truck
- 10am E.D.E.N. 408 Rosewood Terr. - Children's Garden
Captain: Erin
- 10am E.D.E.N. 336 Parsells Ave. Garden
Captain: Deacon Mike
- Wednesday 9am E.D.E.N. Church (1245 Culver) Team
Captains: Mary E. and Mary Ellen F.
- 10:30-12pm Food Shelf Ministry
- 12pm Emergency Food Delivery Driver Pick-up
- 12:10pm Healing Service
*Weather permitting it will be held in the garden
Zoom link is on our homepage stmarksandstjohns.org*
- 5pm E.D.E.N. 448 Merchants Rd. Garden
Captain: Deb S.
- Thursday 10am Staff Meeting (weekly)
- Friday 11:30am E.D.E.N. Denver Training Garden
Captains: Aisha & Becky
- Saturday 12pm Emergency Food Delivery Driver Pick-up
- Sunday 9:15am WORSHIP



Our New Vista/AmeriCorp Summer Intern is Here

Welcome to our new Urban Fellow, Siera Sadowski, who will be working with staff and volunteers to help us to expand the E.D.E.N. Center for Wellness! Hear what she has to say below.

"First of all, I am so grateful to the SMSJ team for welcoming me with open arms

and I am so excited to get to work with all of the amazing people here! I am a rising junior at the University of Rochester studying Religion and Comparative Literature. After finishing my degree, I intend to either pursue a Master's in Social Work or to attend graduate school for Comparative Theology. I'm super passionate about social justice, interfaith cooperation, and community service I'm thrilled to combine all three in my work with SMSJ. In my free time, I love knitting, reading, collecting perfumes and playing Stardew Valley."

Siera will be working onsite Tuesdays and Thursdays. Her Cohort Day is on Wednesday and she'll be working remotely on Mondays and Friday.

Episcopal 101 - Now E.D.E.N. Book Club

Our Episcopal 101 class continues to meet virtually (*Zoom - link is on our website homepage stmarksandstjohns.org*) on Monday afternoons from 2-3pm. You're more than welcome to join us one time or multiple times. In the coming weeks we will be reading *People of the Way: Renewing Episcopal Identity* by Dwight Zscheile together. Books are now available (\$18).

Wednesday & Saturday: Emergency Food Deliveries

We continue to take food and supplies to those in need in the 14621 and 14609 zip codes. If you are interested in being a driver or assisting by preparing delivery routes, etc - on Wednesdays and/or Saturdays let Pastor Cindy know. *Please note: we are now collecting hygiene and cleaning items.*

Prayer Concerns and/or Thanksgivings

Our newsprint "Prayer" board is back. You are welcome to light a candle and put the name(s) of those you would like us to hold in prayer.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

If you'd like to serve as a Reader and/or a Eucharistic Minister please let Deacon Mike or Pastor Cindy know. We will be getting a schedule out to folks over the next couple of weeks.

Weekly: Help Clean-up following the Service

Each week following the Sunday service we would like to enlist a few volunteers to dust our pews, window sills, clean-up coffee area if need be, and dust mop our new floor. If you are interested in helping please sign-up on the newsprint w/ the prayers.

Garden Volunteers NEEDED

We need some additional help in two of our gardens. Talk to Pastor Cindy or Deacon Mike if you are interested.

Tuesdays @ 10am 336 Parsells Avenue (Captain - Deacon Mike)

Friday @ 11:30am Denver/Melville (Co-Captains - Aisha & Becky)

Honey Bees on the Roof

A new friend to our community, Nick Lord will be our resident honey bee keeper this summer. He has already placed the hives on our flat roof. We look forward to learning with him and tasting our very own E.D.E.N. Honey this summer at the Farm Stand.

Groups using our Building this Summer

We will be joyfully sharing space with two wonderful partners this summer beginning in July. They are Freedom Scholars and Teen Empowerment. They both have missions that align to the work we do here at SMSJ. We're going to have a full house. Thanks be to God.

Pastor Cindy - Vacation

Pastor Cindy will be on vacation from Wednesday, June 9th- Wednesday, June 23rd. In case of a Pastoral Emergency please call the Rev'd Mike Finn at 585-301-0241.