

Join us for our next St. John's Book Club meeting on Thursday, October 3rd! We'll be discussing the latest book, The Violin Conspiracy by Brendan Slocumb. All are welcome to attend—feel free to invite friends. Please note the new meeting time: 6:00 PM (previously 6:30 PM). We look forward to seeing you there!



**St. Andrew's Dune Church** 12 Gin Lane | Southampton, NY 11969



# Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity September 22, 2024 • 11 A.M.



Announcements



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St John's knitting group meets every Wednesday afternoon from 2-4. We are currently knitting a prayer shawl of four-inch squares in the blue and yellow colors of the Episcopal flag to welcome our new priest on their arrival (we know they are out there, somewhere). We want to knit our new priest into our parish. We have yarn and needles. Each square should take less than an hour to complete. If you are a complete novice, we are happy to teach you!

#### The Dune Church Prayer

Heavenly Father, grant that we who worship together where glorious dunes meet your unfathomable sea - be always mindful of your gifts to us of natural beauty, always respectful of your great power and mystery. As you have long dispatched rescuers from this station armed through prayer with thy strength, send forth today this congregation to aid all those who founder, that our lives, infused with thy spirit, will bear witness to the blessing of this community and bring glory to thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

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# Verse of the Week

"Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom."

James 3:13

Cuote of the Week ??



"A friend is long sought, hardly found, and with difficulty kept. Let those who will, allow gold to dazzle them and be borne along in splendor, their very baggage glittering with gold and silver. Love is not to be purchased, and affection has no price. The friendship which can cease has never been real."

> Philander Chase Bishop and educator d. 20 September 1852



CHARLES WESLEY, 1747

#### America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee) The Rev. Samuel Francis Smith

Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, to thee we sing; Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light; Protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

#### Opening sentence and invitatory

THE LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence

#### Invitation for Confession

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, and make your humble confession unto Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

#### The Confession

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

#### Absolution

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live, hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### Lord's Prayer

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.



4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies; Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee: In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. Amen.

HENRY FRANCIS LYTE, 1847

Sermon

**Reverend W. Patrick Edwards** Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church Southampton, NY

#### The Offertory All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

#### A Prayer for Persons going to Sea

O Eternal God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; We commend to thy almighty protection, thy servants, for whose preservation on the great deep our prayers are desired. Guard them, we beseech thee, from the dangers of the sea, from sickness, from the violence of enemies, and from every evil to which they may be exposed. Conduct them in safety to the haven where they would be, with a grateful sense of thy mercies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### Blessing

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The Congregations Stands
V. O Lord, open thou our lips.
R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
V. Praise ye the Lord.
R. The Lord's Name be praised.

#### Venite, exultemus Domino.

O COME, let us sing unto the LORD; \* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; \* and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God; \* and a great King above all gods. In his hand are all the corners of the earth; \* and the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it; \* and his hands prepared the dry land. O come, let us worship and fall down, \* and kneel before the LORD our Maker. For he is the Lord our God; \* and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \* let the whole earth stand in awe of him. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; \* and with righteousness to judge the world, and the peoples with his truth.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \* world without end. Amen.

#### Psalm 54

Deus, in nomine

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; \* in your might, defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; \* give ear to the words of my mouth. 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, \* those who have no regard for God.

4 Behold, God is my helper; \* it is the Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; \* in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \* and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, \* and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; \* As it was from the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The First Lesson

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

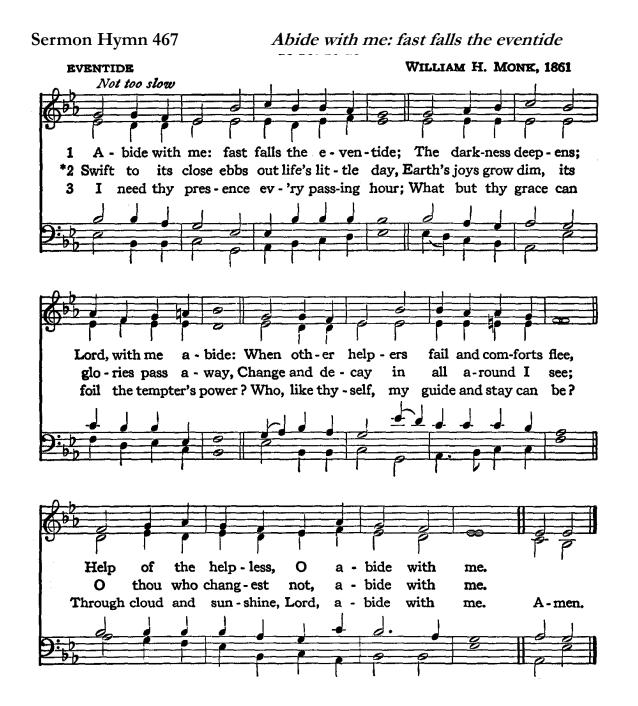
A reading the book of James, the third chapter beginning at the thirteenth verse.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Here endeth the reading.



of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.** 

#### A General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and lovingkindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

#### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.** 

#### 2 Cor. xiii. 14.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

#### Announcements

#### Benedictus es, Domine

Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers:\* praised and exalted above all for ever. Blessed art thou for the Name of thy Majesty:\* praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness:\* praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and dwellest between the Cherubim: \* praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom: \*

praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven: \* praised and exalted above all for ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \* world without end. Amen.

#### The Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the ninth chapter beginning at the thirtieth verse.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Here endeth the Lesson.

#### Jubilate Deo

O be joyful in the LORD, all ye lands: \*
serve the LORD with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the LORD he is God;
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; \*
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; \*
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; \*
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, \* and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \* world without end. Amen.

**The Apostles' Creed** Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### Suffrages

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

- R. And grant us thy salvation.
- V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
- R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

# Collect of the Day

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

# A Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## A Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### A Prayer for The President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority

O Lord, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favour to behold and bless thy servant, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

## A Prayer for all Conditions of Men

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond