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Titus Destroying Jerusalem by Wilhelm von Kaulbach

Sunday Services

9 AM • Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11 AM • Morning Prayer, Rite I

11 AM • Holy Eucharist, Rite I (First Sundays each month)

Services are available online through
Facebook Live: [Facebook.com/StJohnSouthampton](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnSouthampton)

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2024 • Morning Prayer, Rite I • 11 AM



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Prelude

Processional Hymn 388

O worship the king, all glorious above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
3 The earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

1 O grate - ful - ly sing his power and his love!
2 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
3 Al - might - y, thy power hath found - ed of old,
4 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
5 in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;

1 Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
2 His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
3 hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
4 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
5 thy mer - cies, how ten - der! how firm to the end!

November 5, 2024

Dear Friends,

We hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. At this time of transition, it is especially important for us to maintain the physical solidity of our church and the spiritual strength of our congregation and our wider community. Knowing that you support our St. John's mission and financial needs brings us joy.

As we approach the upcoming stewardship season, we invite you to reflect on your personal connection with St. John's and your pledge's impact on our church and its ministries. Stewardship is not merely about financial contributions; it encompasses the gifts of time, talent, and service that each of you brings to our community. Your pledge enables us to serve our congregation, support outreach programs, and maintain our facilities, ensuring that our church remains a welcoming place for all.

This past year, we received grants to replace the Rectory and Parish House cesspools. Ann Grimm, Barbara McEntee, and our contractor Pascual Amador used their expertise to refurbish the Rectory, which has had much wear and tear in the past 10 years. The major expense was interior painting and repair and replacing two appliances. Kat Doherty and Lisa Vahradian and their dedicated crew of worker bees organized every room in the Parish House, unearthing some beautiful relics.

However, we did have some unexpected expenses. The torrential rains early in the summer hastened our need to replace the Parish House roof due to several major leaks. This year, we are focusing on repairing the damage caused by the leaks. Together with our investment in the Rectory, your support will be instrumental in bringing these efforts to fruition.

In 1998, Rev. Peter Larsen wrote the following in his stewardship letter to the parish.

Gratitude and thanksgiving for life begin with the person who greets you in the mirror each morning. Stewardship is everything that you do to bring that inner voice to life. Why not believe that God has entrusted you with a great commission: to do his work in the world?

As you consider your pledge for the upcoming year with the enclosed pledge card, we encourage you to reflect on how you have been blessed and how you can continue to bless others through your generosity. Every contribution, no matter the size, is important and makes a difference in our collective mission. Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity. Together, let us continue to grow in faith and service, building a vibrant community that reflects God's love.

God Bless and thank you on behalf of your devoted Vestry,

Lisa

Lisa Gillespie
Senior Warden

There are multiple ways to support St. John's:

- **Donate online through the link on our webpage: 2025 Stewardship**
- **Pledge card mailed**

Please contact the office if you would like a pledge card but have not received it.

BIBLE STUDY

Explore the depths of wisdom and spirituality
in our Bible study sessions.

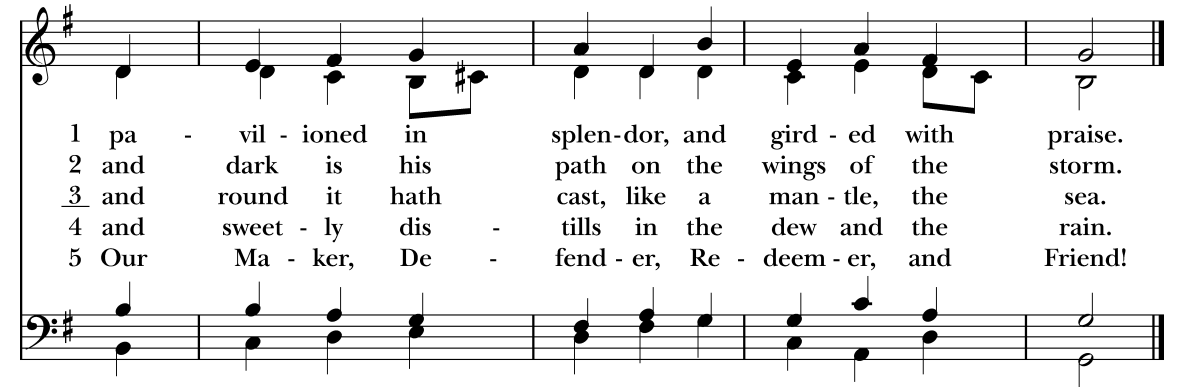


 THURSDAYS  7 PM

Join our friends from Christ Church Sag Harbor every Thursday for a new Bible study series.

- Grow your faith and engage in kingdom-building discussions.
- Address the challenges facing the Church today: declining membership, securing volunteers, and reaching the next generation.
- Find renewed hope and take action through scripture.
- Materials can be accessed from the link in our e-newsletter.

Join us and be part of this transformative journey.
Everyone is welcome, so invite friends and family!



1 pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
2 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3 and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
4 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
5 Our Ma - ker, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

Opening sentence and invitatory

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me unto thy holy hill,
and to thy dwelling. *Psalm 43:3*

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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.**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those 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.

The Priest alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphone

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; O come, let us adore Him.

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.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

**READERS - GREETERS
ALTAR GUILD - COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

St. John's is looking for dedicated parishioners to join us in our mission to to foster a welcoming and supportive community.

If you have the passion to share God's love through service, connect with others, and enrich our parish life, we invite you to volunteer as a greeter, reader, altar guild member, or coffee hour host.

**Your presence and service can make a meaningful difference
in the lives of our parishioners and visitors alike.**

Questions? Ready to sign up?

Please contact the following:

- **Altar Guild:** Ellen Greaves - greaves631@yahoo.com
- **Coffee Hour:** Sign up sheet in the Parish Hall or Ursula - (631) 283-0549 or secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org
- **Reading/Greeting/Ushering:** Please contact Cn. Richard (631) 974-4987 or rvisconti10@gmail.com

Upcoming Holiday Service Schedule



Thanksgiving Day Morning Prayer	10 AM
Lessons and Carols	Dec. 22 • 11 AM
Children's Christmas Pageant at St. Andrew's	3 PM
Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist, Rite II at St. John's	7 PM
Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, Rite II at St. John's	10 AM

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 16

Conserva me, Domine

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

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 First Lesson

Daniel 12:1-3

A Lesson from the prophet Daniel.

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, “At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

Here endeth the Lesson

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.**

**Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
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 Second Lesson

Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

A Lesson from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Hebrews.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his



LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR TRAINING SESSION



**Saturday, December 7th at 10 AM
MERCER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**

Instructor: The Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 21

This workshop will prepare those nominated by their clergy to act as Lay Eucharistic Visitors to those hospitalized, confined to rehabilitation and nursing institutions, and the homebound. With the support of their rector/clergy-in-charge, those who participate in this workshop can then be licensed by the Bishop's Office as Lay Eucharistic Visitors.

**Please speak with Cn. Richard directly if you're interested in serving.
Due to the short notice and upcoming deadline of November 21, it is important to meet with him as soon as possible.**

There is no fee for this event. Space is limited.

Announcements

KNITTING GROUP: Our group is creating a prayer shawl for our future priest. We will knit four-inch squares in the colors of the Episcopal flag and welcome all skill levels, with kits and guidance available. If you're new to knitting, join us on Wednesday afternoons from 2-4. We'd love to help!

BULLETINS: Worshipping remote? You can follow along our Sunday services by downloading our Bulletins from our website, stjohnsouthampton.org. The Bulletins are uploaded every Saturday afternoon for your convenience.

WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER: In order to keep our church family abreast of our latest updates and church reminders, we send out a weekly e-newsletter. If you would like to be included on our email list, contact secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: Stay connected with the church and your friends by following us on our Facebook page: [StJohnSouthampton](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnSouthampton). You can also worship online LIVE on Sundays.

ONLINE GIVING: Links are available on St John's Homepage at www.stjohnsouthampton.org. You may also make an online gift by texting the keyword [StJohnSouthampton](https://www.stjohnsouthampton.org) to 73256 on your cell phone.

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Help us to maintain our prayer intercession list.

The personal and collective intercessions we make asking our Lord to intercede in our lives and on behalf of others are a central aspect of our private and common worship. At St. John's we have always made an aural reading of our prayer list a part of our regular services. However, there comes with this an important responsibility to maintain it as current and accurate. To accomplish this we are asking our community to take that personal responsibility to heart in the following way:

We ask everyone to please let us know when someone should be added, removed, or otherwise amended on our prayer list. This is accomplished best by either dropping a note in the collection plate or by emailing or calling the parish secretary at (631) 283-0549 or secretary@stjohnsouthampton.org.

To avoid a name being orphaned on the prayer list names will be removed after 60 days of being added, unless the parish secretary is contacted to extend that time for another 60 days.

Of course, there is no limit to the number of persons we will faithfully include on our prayer list, nor a limit to the duration we will intercede on their behalf. This policy is to take special care in maintaining the names we bring before the Throne of Grace in prayer each time we gather together.

enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,"

he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Here endeth the Lesson

Jubilate Deo Psalm 100

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.

The Prayers

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

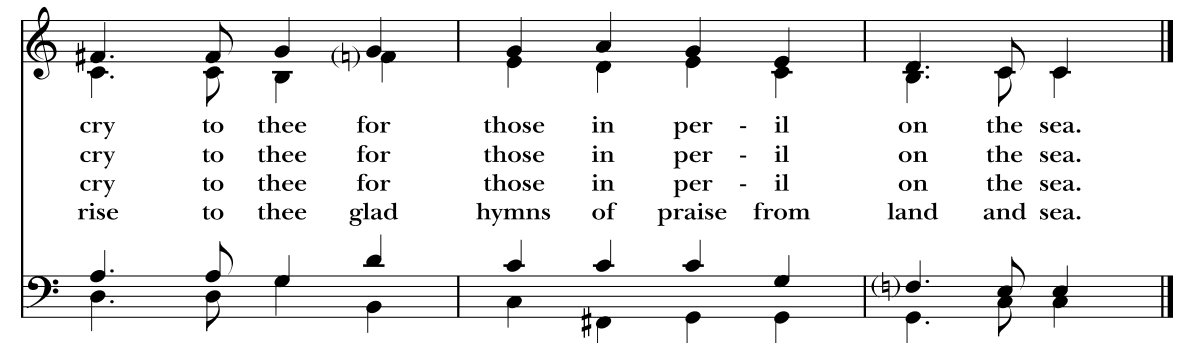
Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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,



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace; O hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Blessed, hallowed, worshiped, and adored be our Lord Jesus Christ on His throne in Heaven, on the altars of His churches, and in the hearts of His faithful people. And may the souls of the faithful departed through the mercies of God rest in peace.

Officiant and People

And may Light Perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

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Dedications

The flowers at the Altar this week have been given in the
Glory of God and in memorial of J. Couper Lord & Ruth Lord
by Lisa & David Gillespie.

Gospel

Mark 13:1-8

A Lesson from the Gospel according to Saint Mark.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings?" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

Sermon

The Rev. Cn. Richard Visconti

The Offertory

Closing Hymn 608

Eternal Father, strong to save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging
3 Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
at thy word, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Suffrages A

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. **And grant us thy salvation.**

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in thee can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

R. **Thy saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

Intercessions

Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
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 honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Celebrant

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Officiant

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.

2 Corinthians 13:14

Announcements

Sermon Hymn 495

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
to a - bid; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!