



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND PARISH DAY SCHOOL

*We welcome you here at St. John's to be met by God,
who already knows you and loves you.*



Sat. Sept. 25, 2021, 5:00 p.m. & Sun., Sept. 26, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

THE WORD OF GOD

*Music pages are for the 10:30 a.m. service only and are located near the back of the bulletin.
During this phase of Covid restrictions, congregational singing is not permitted, but you may hum along.*

Welcome

Prelude *God Renew Us By Your Spirit*

arr. Wood

Opening Hymn *Spirit Divine Attend Our Prayers*

M-1

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

Hymn of Praise *Glory to God*

M-2

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading *Please be seated.*

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me — that is my petition — and the lives of my people — that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty

cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm *Please read in unison*

Psalm 124

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

The Second Reading

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn *Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless* (vs. 1-2 before; vs. 3-4 after)

M-3

The Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Katrina Grusell

The Nicene Creed *Please stand as you are able; said by all.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Lector and People pray responsively. At the conclusion of each petition,

Lector Have mercy O Lord,
People **Fill us with the fullness of your grace.**

Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Greet one another safely in person or in YouTube Chat.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Anthem *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

Friedell

Eucharistic Prayer 1 from *Enriching Our Worship*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. John and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer *Pray in unison.*

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant Behold what you are;

People **May we become what we receive.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION

This is God's Table, and at this Table, God feeds us and blesses us with what we need to be the Church, Christ's body in the world. In the Episcopal Church, children as well as adults receive Communion, for together we are the Body of Christ. Everyone is welcome to receive Communion or a Blessing. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the minister. To receive a Blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest. The minister will affirm God's blessing on you.

Communion Hymns *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

M-4

Lord Dismiss Us

M-5

The Post-Communion Prayer *Pray together.*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Our worship has ended. Our work now begins. Go in peace. Visit the sick, remember the poor, love one another, and be the Church. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.

Closing Hymn *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

M-6

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

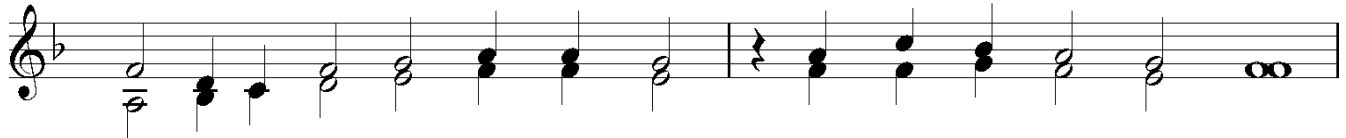
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Psalms 19*

Marcello

Opening Hymn Spirit Divine Attend Our Prayers

Nun danket all und bringet Ehr



- 1 Spi - rit di - vine, at - tend our prayers, and make this house thy home;
 2 Come as the light; to us re - veal our emp - ti - ness and woe,
 3 Come as the fire, and purge our hearts like sac - ri - fi - cial flame;
 4 Come as the dove, and spread thy wings, the wings of peace - ful love;
 5 Spi - rit di - vine, at - tend our prayers; make a lost world thy home;



- 1 de-scend with all thy gra - cious powers, O come, great Spi - rit, come!
 2 and lead us in those paths of life where - on the right - eous go.
 3 let our whole soul an of - fering be to our Re - deem - er's Name.
 4 and let thy Church on earth be - come blest as the Church a - bove.
 5 de-scend with all thy gra - cious powers; O come, great Spi - rit, come!

Reflection: Mark 9:38-50

In the ninth chapter of Mark's Gospel, the disciples are unable to cast out a spirit from a young boy brought by his father for healing. Jesus, having just returned from the event of the Transfiguration, impatiently heals the boy himself. Then, as they make their way to Jerusalem with Jesus, the disciples argue about who is the greatest disciple among them. As this week's Gospel opens, the irony is apparent. John says to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." These followers of Jesus couldn't exorcise an infirming spirit, but don't want others to do it. And they are worried that people are not following *them*! Shouldn't they all be following Jesus?

As followers of Jesus, our best ministry happens when we stay focused on Jesus' commandment to love the Lord God with all our heart and love our neighbors as ourselves. When we do that, we live with a posture of openness towards God and others. Our practical faith is inclusive and Christ-centered.

1. Have you ever judged how someone else was doing ministry, instead of being curious?
2. What is your tolerance for risk as you minister in God's name? Are you focused on failure or possibility?
3. How might you now enter into a new ministry with openness and joy?

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bill Albrecht, Jerry Anderson, Beverly Baker, Jacyn Baker, Carole Baumann, Steve Belknap, William Boin, Maya Bragdon, Kelly Brown, Mike Burchett, Barbara Burris, Oliver Chang, Melissa Chavez, Teddy Clarke, Kevin, Karly & Miles Danaher, Linda & Jerry Dietz, Bill Dixon, Leslie Edmonds, Steven Edmonds, Betty Elder, June Elder, Dan FitzGerald, Sherry FitzGerald, David, Joshua, & Alison Gebhard, Paige Giza, Ann & Matthew Graham, Martha Guillet, Jennette & Richard Hamilton, Natalie Cox Hennes, Ethan Jeanneault, Chris Jones, Gerald Kenney, Cathy Kulpinski, Amy Lederer Shapiro, Lorraine, Reagan Lueken, Raul Marroquin, The Rev. Sheila McJilton, Pat Merson, Charles Miller, Bob Monkouski, Grace Oltz, Beblon Parks, Famebridge Payne, Claire Reed, Julie Schablitsky, Heather Schwenk, Pam Sikora, Wallace Stebbins, Aaron & Patience Tagbo & Family, Alicia Townsend, Verity Truby, James Vanderheiden, Jonathan Weston-Dawkes, Allen "Mitch" Wright, and Bob Zedoski.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: George Carr, cousin of Yvonne Hollis

THE FLOWERS ON THE HISTORIC CHURCH ALTAR are given in celebration of the wedding anniversary of James Mackey & Molly Standeven from their loving parents, Dave & Diane Standeven and Ben & Beth Mackey.

THE BIRTH CANDLE ON THE HISTORIC CHURCH ALTAR is lit in celebration of the birth of Roman Vinson Hoenes, son of Randolph & Stacy Hoenes, and grandson of Dick & Leonora Hoenes, born on September 13, 2021.

FOR THOSE IN HARM'S WAY: Jonas Kelsall, Keith Scharnhorst, Barry Weimer, Kristina Randazzo, Chris Peterson, and Mike Jackson.

Our community shares the compassion of prayer with members and beyond. To have someone included on our prayer list, you may: Contact the Parish Office by phone; or email your prayer request to Tracey Stone at tstone@stjohnsec.org. Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days. After the initial 30 days, if you wish to have a name stay on the list, please re-submit your request.



1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from— a
 2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my— pe -
 3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy con - so -



1. world of care, And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make
 2. ti - tion bear To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En -
 3. la - tion share, Till from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height I



1. all my wants— and wish - es known. In sea - sons of dis -
 2. gage the wait - ing soul to bless; And since He bids me
 3. view my home— and take my flight: This robe of flesh I'll



1. tress and grief My soul has of - ten found re - lief.
 2. seek His face, Be - lieve His word and trust His grace.
 3. drop, and rise To seize the ev - er - last - ing prize.



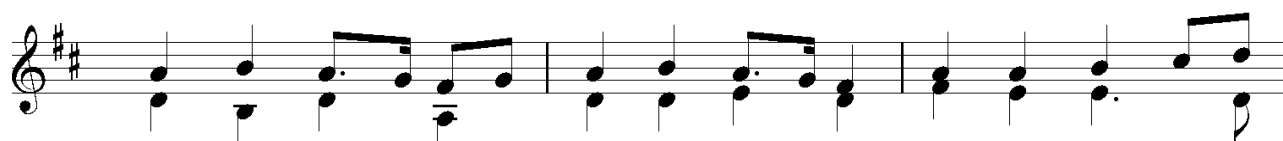
1. And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare By
 2. I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care, And
 3. And shout, while pass - ing through the air, "Fare -



1. thy re - turn,—— sweet hour of prayer.
 2. wait for thee,—— sweet hour of prayer.
 3. well, fare - well,—— sweet hour of prayer!"

Communion Hymn *Lord Dismiss Us*

M-5
Sicilian Mariners



1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the



joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
 3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the
 4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
 5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low



1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
 3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -
 4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
 5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy



1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
 2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
 3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.
 4 throngs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;
 5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

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