

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST — 10:15 A.M.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome to St. John's! We invite you to help create the experience of silence before our service. Our hope is to calm our hearts as we prepare to enter into an intensity of shared presence.

Prelude **Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren** **J. G. Walther**

All rise at the sound of the church bell.

Hymn **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation** **Blue Hymnal 390**

Presider Blessed be our God.

People **For ever and ever. Amen.**

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 **To God Be The Glory** **W. H. Doane**

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: To God be the glo - ry— great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life, _____ to save us from sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus, the Son, and give him the glo - ry— great things he hath done!

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

You may be seated.

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the Lord not in Zion?

Is her King not in her?"

"Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?"

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**



- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your ^holy ^holy ^holy temple; *
they have made Je^rusalem a ^hheap of ^hrubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for
the ^hbirds of the ^hair, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones ^hto the ^hbeasts of the ^hfield.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every ^hside of Je^rusalem, *
and ^hthere was ^hno one to ^hbury them.
- 4 We have become a re^hproach to our ^hneighbors, *
an object of scorn and de^hrisi^hon to ^hthose a^hround us.
- 5 How long will you be ^hangry, O ^hLORD? *
will your fury ^hblaze like ^hfire for ^hever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who ^hhave not ^hknown you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not ^hcalled up ^hon your ^hName.
- 7 For they have de^hvo^hired ^hJacob *
and ^hmade his ^hdwelling a ^hruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be ^hswift to ^hmeet us; *
for ^hwe have been ^hbrought very ^hlow.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the ^hglory of your ^hName; *
deliver us and forgive us our ^hsins, for your ^hName's ^hsake.

The Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 16:1-13, standing

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Kate E. Wesch

Silence and stillness are kept after the sermon.

The Nicene Creed, standing

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 worshipped 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.

Prayers of the People, *standing*

Intercessor Let us offer prayers to God and pray for all in every danger and need. For this holy gathering, and for the people of God in every place. In the sure and strong knowledge of your great faithfulness and abundant loving kindness, we come to you in prayer. In your mercy:

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor For the church, which is your body in the world, that we may be strengthened in love, sustained in peace, and sent out with joy to share your message of salvation. In your mercy:

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor For our president, Joseph, and for all in authority in our country and the world, that you would guide their hearts to wise judgement and the promotion of peace, justice, and mercy throughout the whole earth. In your mercy:

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor For all places ravaged by war, famine, disaster, and disease, that you will swiftly bring them restoration and relief. In your mercy:

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor For the changing seasons, that autumn in its beauty will bring an abundant harvest, and the generosity to share it with all who hunger. In your mercy:

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor For all whose love and labor sustains, protects, guides, educates, and heals in our communities, that their work will be blessed and a blessing. In your mercy:

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor For all from our parish who serve in the Armed Forces, especially Douglas Hamillton, Carl Heise, Molly and Jon Hilzinger, Andy Morgado, Joshua Robeson, Spencer Russo, Brian Tewart, Kyle Webb, and Joel Wesch, that they will be strong in your power, shielded by faith, and kept from all harm.

In your mercy:

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor For all who suffer in mind, spirit, heart, or body, especially, Kathy Arthur, Peter Bierrie, Jinny Buracchi, Helen Chatman, Connie Cliffe, Sandra and Tony Custodio, Roger Deakin, Robert Fresher, Nancy Gould, Jim Scala, John Schumacher, Joan Squelia, Allyson Taylor, and Kathy Wesch, asking that you will comfort, heal, and hold them, keeping them always in the knowledge of your love and the security of your presence. In your mercy:

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor For our global ministry partners in Mozambique and the Diocese of Lebombo; for Bishop Carlos, Father David, Father José, and the congregation of St. Bernard's, for Hospital Albert Schweitzer in Haiti and Sister Cities Essex, Haiti. In your mercy:

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor For the ongoing work of our local ministry partners: the Shoreline Soup Kitchen, Middlesex Habitat for Humanity, the Old Lyme VFW, A Sacred Place, the Incarnation Center and Camp Washington. In your mercy:

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Intercessor For all who have died and now dwell in your light, that they may rest in peace and rise in glory. In your mercy:

People **Hear us, Lord.**

Presider Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this through Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin, kneeling

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

A moment of reflective silence is kept.

People **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

The Peace, standing

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you!

People **And also with you!**

Then the ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Sentence

Presider Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.
The congregation's offering for the mission and ministry of the church is received. Please be seated.

Anthem Ah, thou poor world

J. Brahms

Presentation, standing

The congregation's gifts of bread, wine, and money are presented and placed on the Holy Table. Weekly donations to the Shoreline Pantry are placed before the Altar.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer 3, Enriching Our Worship

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus (*found in the front half of the blue hymnal*)

Blue Hymnal S-125

The people stand or kneel, as the Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer, said by all

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem (*found in the front half of the blue hymnal*)

Blue Hymnal S-169

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy things for holy people. All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. We are not allowing intinction at this time. Gluten-free bread is available for those requiring it. Please indicate this by holding one arm across your chest. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher or someone nearby to request that communion be brought to you.

Hymn **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart**

Blue Hymnal 488

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors, *as requested*

Presider In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We, who are many, are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.**

Prayer after Communion, *standing*

Presider Let us pray.

People **God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing, *standing*

Presider Let us depart from this place in peace, and as we go on our way, forget not those who are poor, pray for those who are sick, make no peace with oppression, and love one another in God as Christ has loved us, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn **Sing praise to God who reigns above**

Blue Hymnal 408

The Dismissal, *standing*

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude **IV. Postludio from *Alla Benedizione del Santissimo***

O. Ravello

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS SUNDAY

The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God by Rob and Karen van der Horst in loving memory of Karen's brother John Aronson.

UPCOMING OCTOBER SERVICES AND EVENTS

OCTOBER 9 | BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Come celebrate the blessing of the animals at St. John's! We have two opportunities for you to have your pets, photos of pets, or stuffed animals blessed. **Pet blessings will be offered at 9 AM in the amphitheater or during the 5 PM service inside the church.** Well behaved and well restrained pets are welcome to attend the 5pm service in its entirety. More spirited pets are encouraged to attend the shorter 9AM blessing outside or to have a photo blessed instead.

OCTOBER 22 | THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE VISIO DIVINA

Visio Divina on Saturday, October 22, from 12:30-3 PM. Art and journaling supplies will be available or feel free to bring your own. Everyone is welcome!

OCTOBER 29 | WITNESS STONES ESSEX EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, AT 9 AM

Community members are invited to gather at St. John's Church to learn more about life in late 18th century Essex and to celebrate the first installation of a Witness Stone on Main Street. The program will include music, poetry, and words from community partners and guest speakers.

This event is made possible by The Essex Witness Stones Partnership. The partnership's goal is to expand the understanding of local history and honor the humanity and the contributions of those formerly enslaved in the community. The partnership's founding members include St. John's Episcopal Church, the Essex Historical Society, Valley Regional High School, and the CT River Museum.

Gratitude Cookout for Building & Grounds Committee Sunday, September 25th following the 5 PM Service

The St. John's Building & Grounds Committee has been busy tending to the landscaping and stonework, undertaking the Memorial Garden transformation, installing a new furnace, and more. Please join the Vestry as we take a moment to express our gratitude to this incredible team of volunteers. Let's celebrate and say "Thank you!" on Sunday, September 25th following the 5 PM service with a Potluck Cookout in the Amphitheatre.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Chelsea DiDonato at the office (860-767-8095 or chelsea@stjohnsessex.org). We are looking for the following help: grill master, donations of hamburgers and hot dogs, hamburgers and hot dog buns, side dishes, soft drinks, desserts, utensils and paper products, setup, and breakdown.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE
SALE DATES: OCTOBER 14 & 15 — 9 AM - 2 PM

YOU'RE INVITED

We love shopping on a budget, decluttering our homes on a crisp fall morning, and our St. John's volunteers! We know that sounds oddly specific, but... c'est la vie. Are you looking for a good excuse to waste a rainy day in your attic or basement to pull out all things you purchased throughout the years that you thought you'd get around to but didn't? Well, we would love to take your things and find out ways you can contribute even more so we can make this the best rummage sale year yet.

WAYS TO HELP

DONATING

Want to donate the items you don't like or haven't thought about in a while? Check out our three intake days by looking at our Rummage Sale Schedule.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering is the core reason we have been able to put this sale on for the past 79 years, and it is a wonderful way to meet other parishioners, especially if you're new. We aim to have record-breaking participation this year in the hopes it will make our sale the biggest success yet. If you can donate your time for one day or the whole week, each little bit helps. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex in mid-September.

BAKE SALE NEEDS

Do you specialize in delicious baked goods? We definitely want your most crowd-pleasing dessert at the bake sale. Small or large — our crowd is not fussy. Our sale is Saturday, October 15th. Items can be dropped off on Friday in the Undercroft. Please mark them "For the bake sale." Items can also be dropped off at the table on the morning of the bake sale.

SILENT AUCTION

We seek art, antiques, unique gift certificates, rental properties, boat and motorcycle rides, musical guests for parties, and other out-of-the-box ideas.

Two co-chairs are needed for the silent auction. Please get in touch with Mary Bowers and Paulette Rider if you're interested in co-chairing this event.

ESSEX ATTIC/JEWELRY

Essex Attic usually consists of china, random small antiques, little area rugs or runners, gift baskets, and unique bottles of wine. The jewelry department hopes to receive all the jewelry you haven't been wearing for the last 2-3 years. This department also features better belts, scarves, jewelry boxes, and kids "jewelry."

CONTACT

If you have specific questions about any of the ways to get involved with this year's Rummage Sale, please contact the co-chairs, Mary Bowers (860-575-9619) or Paulette Rider (860-575-1625).

Serving Today at 10:15 A.M.

Organist & Choir Director	Anthony Pandolfe, Jr
Lectors	Nat Eddy and Chris Woodside
Intercessor	Karen van der Horst
Ushers	Karen and Rob van der Horst
Eucharistic Minister & Crucifer	Carey Emig
Videographer	Nat Eddy
Liturgical Coordinator & Verger	Allison Fresher
Altar Guild	Allison Fresher & Lukas Kelly
Counters	Brian Fresher & Rob van der Horst
Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Kate E. Wesch

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CLERGY AND STAFF: The Rev. Kate E. Wesch, *Rector*; Chelsea DiDonato, *Parish Administrator & Communications Director*; Anthony Pandolfe, Jr., *Music and Choir Director*, Mairi Graham-Shaw, *Intern for Liturgy & Preaching*, Manuel Matute, *Sexton*; Dayle Larson, *Bookkeeper*

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WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

WEDNESDAYS

Morning Prayer— 10 A.M.

SUNDAYS

Holy Eucharist — 8 A.M.

Holy Eucharist— 10:15 A.M.

“Come As You Are” Worship Service — 5 P.M.

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