THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II — 10:15 a.m. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024

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. To ensure newcomers feel welcomed, position prompts are provided throughout our bulletins. If standing or kneeling is uncomfortable for you, please know it is fine to remain seated.

Prelude If with all your hearts from Elijah

F. Mendelssohn

Sung By Phred Mileski

All rise at the sound of the church bell.

Hymn 680, standing O God, our help in ages past

ST. ANNE

Presider

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

People

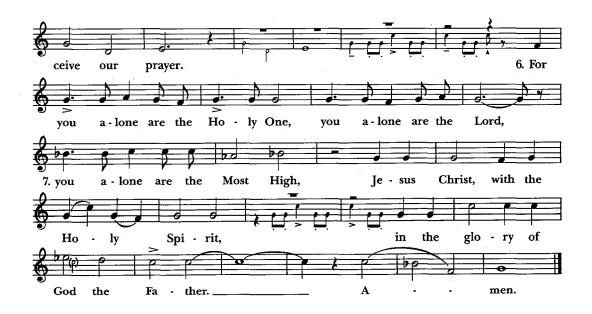
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

Glory to God S-278 Gloria in excelsis

W. Mathias





The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

You may be seated.

The First Lesson: Amos 5:6-7,10-15

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:12-17 Domine, refugium

"St. Anne" J. Bertalot

12 So teach us to number our days * that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? * be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; * so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works * and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; * prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 655, standing O Jesus, I have promised

NYLAND

Holy Gospel: Mark 10:17-31, standing

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother." He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since

my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Wilbert "Wilk" Miller

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 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.

Prayers of the People, standing

Intercessor We are the adopted sons and daughters of the Risen One, to whom we offer our

prayers and petitions, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Rock of our Salvation, help us to identify those things that keep us from following you with our whole heart and mind and soul, and give us the courage

to do what you ask; for this we pray.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Crucified One, in your selfless love you gave your life that we might have life

abundant; infuse us with a deep sense of gratitude, that we may be generous in our giving towards the work of your Church, your outward and visible presence

in the world today; for this we pray.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Defender of orphans and the vulnerable, be with children who have no parent or

caregiver and with those who have lost spouses and children on the field of battle, that agencies for support and counsel will give them an opportunity for

healing and new life; for this we pray.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Good Shepherd, search for us who randomly fall into the snares of sin, seek us

when we are deaf to your call and swallowed up by our pride and self-interests,

and show us the way of return and forgiveness; for this we pray.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Author of peace, free the world from the struggles for power and supremacy, that

we may lay down weapons of destruction and raise up those things which provide for the education, health, and security of the global community; for this

we pray.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor That you look graciously on the people of St. John's as we move through this

interim time, filling us with faithfulness, openness, and joy. May our new rector help us embody the deep and unbounded love of Christ for our parish and

community; let us pray.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor That the sick may derive strength from the prayers of others, and be supported

by the presence of family and friends; we pray for Jen Benevento, Jinny Buracchi,

Connie Cliffe, Tony Custodio, Roger Deakin, Margie Faulkner, Sherley

Furgueson, Pedro Frigola, Raymond Guarino, Nancy Gould, Mindy Hoffman, Chris Miller, Marguerite Quigley, Dorothy Rider, Chantel Volcy, and Jerry

Williams. *Silence*

Intercessor Risen Christ, raise the dead who have departed this life in faith, and judge with

mercy those who turned from your face; for this we pray.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor At this time, you may offer your own intercessions and thanksgivings.

Silence

Intercessor O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of

your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and

Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

The people kneel as able. A moment of reflective silence is kept.

People 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.

Presider 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, standing

Presider The peace 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.

Presentation, standing

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

Anthem The Poor in Spirit from Beatitudes

P. Hawes

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Invitation and Ingathering

During the Anthem, the congregation is invited to come forward to the communion rail, bearing prayers and/or pledge cards to be placed in the baskets provided there for them.

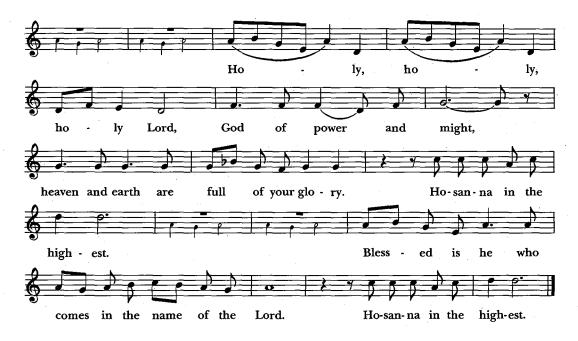
The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

PresiderThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLift up your hearts.PeopleWe 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-128 Holy, Holy, Holy W. Mathias



The people stand or kneel, as the Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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

The Lord's Prayer, said by all

Breaking of the Bread



The Invitation to Communion

All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Table to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. For a blessing, place your hands across your chest. 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 475 God himself is with us

TYSK

Post Communion Prayer, standing

Presider Let us pray.

People 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.

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors, as requested

The Blessing, standing

Hymn 460, standing Alleluia! sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

The Dismissal, standing

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Choer Ecclesiastique

C. Vincent

Directly following the service, all are invited to attend a special brunch in the Parish Hall.

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Stewardship Update

The 2025 Annual Every Member Canvas is in progress. So far, we have received 58 pledge cards, totaling \$203, 655 in giving commitments. Thank you for your generosity. If you haven't already done so, please submit your pledge card as soon as possible to support the 2025 budgeting process.

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given by Rob and Karen van der Horst for their daughter Sara van der Horst's birthday.

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