

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PARISH DAY SCHOOL

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 11:00 A.M. • HISTORIC CHURCH

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

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Music pages can be found following page 8.

During the service, the congregation reads the parts in bold.

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel

(H 574) M-1

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE Venite

(S 35) M-2

COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: Psalm 124

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life (vs. 1-2 before; vs. 3 after) (H 609) M-4

THE GOSPEL (*Please stand as you are able.*)

Mark 9:38-50

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

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

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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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Stephen Hagerty

THE NICENE CREED (Please stand.)

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

(Adapted from Sundays and Seasons Year B, 2024. Augsburg Fortress.)

Hear us O God.

Your mercy is great.

We thank you God for all the gifts of this life. We entrust our prayers to you, O lover of our souls, in Christ's name. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord. For your convenience, you may scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *God Be in My Head*

Rutter

St. John's Choir

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at mine end, and at my departing.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN We Plow the Fields (vs. 3 and refrain)

Wir Pflugen



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

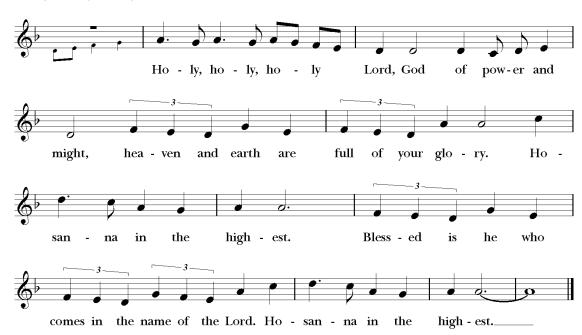
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS Holy, Holy, Holy

Powell



And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

God of our Holy and Righteous Parents; God and Mother of Ancient Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN**.

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

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.

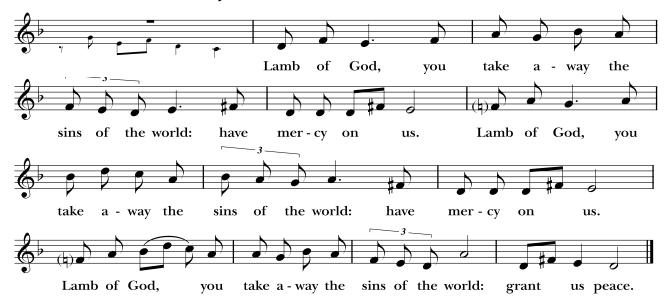


THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(A silence is held.)

FRACTION ANTHEM Lamb of God

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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION: At God's Table All Are Welcome

If you trust that Jesus Christ lived, died, and rose from the dead for your salvation and the life of the world, please come forward to receive the Body of Christ and the cup of Salvation. When only one chalice bearer is present, we are adhering to the policy of only sipping and not intincting (dipping the bread) into the cup. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the clergy. To receive a Blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest. The clergy will offer God's blessing to you. If you would like to receive Communion, but are unable to come forward, please let an usher know.

COMMUNION HYMNS Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Standin' in the Need of Prayer

(H 324) M-5
(L 177) M-6

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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 FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR (When an EV is present)

In the name of God and of this congregation, I send you to those who are homebound, that they may share with us in Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN Ye Holy Angels Bright

(H 625) M-7

DISMISSAL

(The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, to which we respond) **Thanks be to God**.

POSTLUDE



10:10 ~ 10:50 a.m.

Sun., Oct. 6: All Saints Hall

Vestry Town Hall Meeting: "State of the Parish" with Q&A

Sun., Oct. 13: Auditorium

From Many, One:
Conversations Across Differences
This campaign from the Episcopal
Church, in conjunction with
ChurchNext, invites us to
engage in one-to-one listening
and sharing across the many
differences that separate us.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Join fellow parishioners in organizing, painting, and light yard work.

ADULTS ONLY

Sat., Oct. 5th 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

To sign up, contact Elaine Trogdon at outreach@stjohnsec.org.

(Put "Children's Home" in the subject.)

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH 2:00 PM FRONT LAWN

Hosted by J2A & Rite-13

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Deb Avant, Jacyn Baker, Ron & Judi Bonig, Jim Bruce, Beth Carmichael, Gabby Carroll, Sam Collins, Brian Donovan, Leslie Edmonds, Bob Elliott, Nancy Frazee, Marti Guillet, Shawnnee Holmberg, Lauren Hopkins, Rose Jones, Lilly Kitto, Glenda Lovchik, George Maestri, Pat Merson, Charles H. Miller, Mike Miller, Tim Nunley, Patty O'Connor, Kathy O'Dunne, Charles Osmond, Barbara Prettyman, Jean Purcell, Diane Roca, Roland Russoli, Jason & Tomi Schon, Ken Suit, Joni Tomka, Alicia Townsend, Mel Trimble, Sharon Weston-Dawkes, Gerald Williams, Natalie Wills, and Carol Young.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

FOR THE SEARCH FOR OUR NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL & OUR NEXT RECTOR

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR: are given by Judy Robbins in loving memory of her daughter Blair and son Scott.

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.





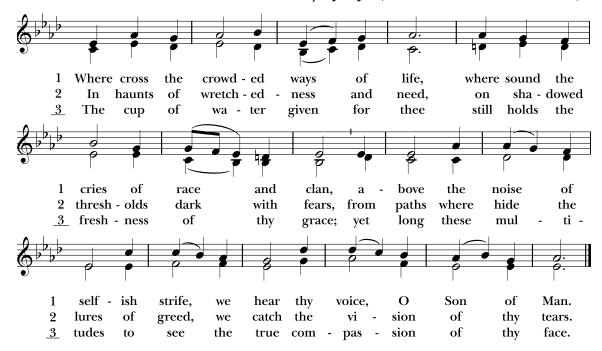
THE PSALM Psalm 124

(The Choir will sing the odd numbered verses. The Congregation will sing the even ones.)



- I If the LORD had not been on our side, *
 let Israel nöw say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
 when enemies rose up a gainst us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up a live * in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have over whelmed us *
 and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
 have göne right over us.
- 6 Blessèd be the LORD! *
 he has not given us over to be a prëy 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.

GOSPEL HYMN Where Cross the Crowded Way of Life (vs. 1 & 2 before; vs. 3 after) Gardiner



M-5 (H 324)

COMMUNION HYMN I Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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Oktoberfest

Sat., Oct. 12 • 5:00 - 9:30 p.m.

9130 Frederick Rd - All Saints Hall

Note New Start Time!

Live Oktoberfest Music
Authentic German Food, Beer & Wine
Silent & Live Auctions • Games & 50/50 Drawings



Tickets

\$65/person \$480/table of 8

https://bit.ly/Oktoberfest-24



Adults 21+ Only • No tickets sold at the door.

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Keep up to date on the latest in St. John's Rector Discernment process! stjohnsec.org/new-rector-discernment

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