



ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 7:45 am (spoken) and 9:30 am
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost/2nd Sunday of Creation Season
September 12, 2021

Officiants

The Rev. Sarah Phelps, Rector & The Rev. Amanda Bourne, Curate

Prelude

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Setting by B. M. Culli

Please stand as able when the bell is rung.

Processional Hymn

#523, The Hymnal 1982 (9:30am)

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Words: John Newton
Music: Abbot's Leigh

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may smile at all thy foes.

3 Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner,
light by night, and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which he gives them when they pray.

2 See! the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver
never fails from age to age.

4 Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis his love his people raise
over self to reign as kings:
and as priests, his solemn praises
each for a thank-offering brings.

Opening Sentences

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

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

Gloria (7:45 am—spoken)

S-280 The Hymnal 1982 (9:30 am)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are seated for the readings.

The First Lesson: A reading from the Book of Proverbs

Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 (*read responsively by whole verse*)

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1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,

**4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.**

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

The Second Lesson: A reading from the Book of James

Book of James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as able for

Sequence Hymn

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

Words: W. B. Carpenter

#574, The Hymnal 1982 (9:30 am)

Music: St. Petersburg

1 Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:
give us a conscience quick to feel,
a ready mind to understand
the meaning of thy chastening hand;
whate'er the pain and shame may be,
bring us, O Father, nearer thee.

2 Search out our hearts and make us true;
help us to give to all their due.
From love of pleasure, lust of gold,
from sins which make the heart grow cold,
wean us and train us with thy rod;
teach us to know our faults, O God.

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Mark 8:27-38

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit

them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

The Sequence Hymn continues...

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| 3 For sins of heedless word and deed,
for pride ambitious to succeed,
for crafty trade and subtle snare
to catch the simple unaware,
for lives bereft of purpose high,
forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry. | 4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try,
our inmost spirits purify:
consume the ill; purge out the shame;
O God, be with us in the flame;
a new-born people may we rise,
more pure, more true, more nobly wise. |
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All are seated

The Sermon

The Rev. Amanda Bourne, Curate

All stand as able for

The Nicene Creed

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**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 glori-
fied. 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

Leader Let us ask God to bless us and all the Created world, saying
“Holy God, Giver of life; hear our prayer.”

Upon your Church, its leaders and people, send your blessing, O Lord. Unite us with all people of good faith around the world and guide us into your Peace. Holy God, Giver of life:

Hear our prayer.

Upon the rich earth send your blessing, O Lord. Let the earth be fruitful and its resources be treated with reverence for the sacred gift that they are. Holy God, Giver of life:

Hear our prayer.

Upon human labor send your blessing, O Lord. Prosper the work of our hands. May all find dignity and just reward in their work. Free those who are exploited or oppressed. Holy God, Giver of life:

Hear our prayer.

Upon the produce of the earth send your blessing, O Lord. Guide us into a sustainable future, and give us the will to share the fruits of the world. Holy God, Giver of life:

Hear our prayer.

Upon the seas and waters send your blessing, O Lord. Teach us to cherish the waters of the earth, and to conserve its oceans, lakes and rivers. Holy God, Giver of life:

Hear our prayer.

Upon those who labor to save our planet from ecological disaster, send your blessing, O Lord. We pray especially for the Nature Conservancy who are tackling the dual threats of accelerated climate change and unprecedented biodiversity loss. Holy God, Giver of life:

Hear our prayer.

Upon those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, send your blessing, O Lord. We pray for those whose lives and livelihoods were imperiled by Hurricane Ida, by wildfires in the west, and other ecological disasters around the world. And we pray for those who have been commended to us for prayer, especially ... Philip Paige, Tracy Spampinato, Tom Kenna, Ken Ialleggio, Brenda Gainey, Grace Rose, The Lyon Family, The Family of Gina Eloy Brown, Tom Gerding, David Faggoli, and Kate Wilczek. Holy God, Giver of life:

Hear our prayer.

Upon those celebrating joyful occasions in life, send your blessing, O Lord; especially Roger Collins and Len Sahl who were married this week at St. John's, and those in our parish who celebrate their birthdays in the week ahead: Gail Gilbert, Monica Dykeman, Stephen Manfreda, Edna Toney, Julie Arthur, Kristen Bierline, Cate Heynen, Owen Smits, Brent Goodwin, and William McLaughlin. Holy God, Giver of life.

Hear our prayer.

Upon all those who have died, send your blessing, O Lord; especially the 2,996 souls lost in the terrorist attacks of September 11 twenty years ago. Bring consolation to their loved ones by the joy of your eternal presence, and bring healing to a world still traumatized by the events of that day and the decades of war that followed.

Holy God, Giver of life:

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes

Hear us, good Lord, for the sake of all your created world; through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Confession

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

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.

Officiant 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

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please practice social distancing during the Peace.

Welcome & Parish Announcements

The Holy Communion

Consecration of new sanctuary lamp & processional banner

The Offertory

If you are viewing our livestream, you may wish to prepare your financial offering for mailing at this time or give online at www.stjohnswf.org/give

If you wish to make an offering in-person today, please use the offertory plate at the church entrance.

Please be seated for

The Offertory Music

#488, The Hymnal 1982 (9:30 am)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Words: Irish
Music: Slane

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

3 High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Stand as able for

The Doxology

(7:45 am—spoken)

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

(9:30 am—sung—Hymn 380 vs. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The presentation at the altar represents gifts given today and throughout the year.
All is given to the glory of God and to share in God's redeeming work in the world.*

All stand as able for

The Great Thanksgiving

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Officiant It is right, and a good and joyful thing....

....who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (spoken at 7:45 am; sung at 9:30 am)

S-125, The Hymnal 1982

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The People stand or kneel. The Officiant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself....
....Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The Officiant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father....

....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.**

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

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 have trespassed 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

Officiant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Invitation to Communion

Due to pandemic health protocols, only the Communion Host (bread) will be shared.

Communion Music

Where he leads me

Words: E. W. Blandy

#144, LEVAS (Lift Every Voice & Sing)

Music: John S. Norris

1 I can hear my Savior calling,
 "Take thy cross and follow, follow me."

3 I'll go with Him through the judgement,
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way. **[Refrain]**

[Refrain]
Where He leads me I will follow,
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

4 He will give me grace and glory,
And go with me, with me all the way. **[Refrain]**

2 I'll go with Him through the garden,
I'll go with Him, with Him all the way. **[Refrain]**

The Postcommunion Prayer (for those who have shared in Communion in person)

Officiant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly One, 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.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion (for those unable to participate in-person)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Blessing

Dismissal Hymn

#409, The Hymnal 1982

The spacious firmament on high

Words: Joseph Addison

Music: Creation

- 1 The spacious firmament on high,
with all the blue eternal sky,
and spangled heavens, a shining frame,
their great Original proclaim.
The unwearied sun from day to day
does his Creator's power display;
and publishes to every land
the work of an almighty hand.
- 2 Soon as the evening shades prevail,
the moon takes up the wondrous tale,
and nightly to the listening earth
repeats the story of her birth:
- 3 whilst all the stars that round her burn,
and all the planets in their turn,
confirm the tidings, as they roll
and spread the truth from pole to pole.
- 3 What though in solemn silence all
move round the dark terrestrial ball?
What though no real voice nor sound
amid their radiant orbs be found?
In reason's ear they all rejoice,
and utter forth a glorious voice;
for ever singing as they shine,
"The hand that made us is divine."

The Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Rondo in G"

John Bull, composer

**Mid-Year Vestry Parish Update
immediately follows worship today**

Please stay if you are able!