

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL
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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 20

Sunday, September 19, 2021

8am | 10:30am | Noon

HOLY EUCHARIST



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HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30AM

Organ Music: Menuett

Haydn

10:30AM

Opening Hymn 574

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

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

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

Collect for Purity

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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

Gloria in excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to his 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 Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

The Collect

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.

Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.
But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"
But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God

Psalm 54

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.**
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.**
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.**
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.**
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.**
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.**

A reading from James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (9:30-37)

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

The Nicene Creed

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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Mariann and Chilton our Bishops; and
for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for
**Rose Ann, Don, Cynie, Matthew, Lu, Peter, Robert, Virginia, Sean, Vinson,
Betsy, Frances, Stan, Mary, and Chris.**

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**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.**

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 of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

People



Offertory plates are located as you enter or exit the sanctuary,
or for your convenience use the QR code below.

Hymn at the Preparation of the Altar
Hymn 482

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

Celebrant and People

8AM & NOON

**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.

10:30AM

Sanctus S125

Richard Proulx

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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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**

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

People and Celebrant

**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 period of silence is kept

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 477

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Descant

5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord.

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord.

Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ
Thanks be to God.

Organ Music: Pasticcio

Jean Langlais

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Use this list to pray and to show your love and concern for the sick, shut-in, bereaved, or those merely in need of prayer. Names remain on the list for four weeks. If you wish to re-submit a name after that time, please contact the office at accounting@stjec.org. In case of pastoral emergency, please call 301-774-3619 or email pastoralcare@stjec.org.

Rose Ann McHenry
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Cynie Eisler
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Peter MacWilliams
Robert Kokal
Virginia Whitefield
Sean Miller
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Betsy O'Neil
Frances Hunt
Stan Simpson
Mary Persinger
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*We have resumed Eucharistic Visits for those who are not able to attend church.
Contact the office at 301-774-3619 or request a visit on line at www.stjec.org.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This morning we welcome our organist, Cambria Van de Vaarst

ADULT FORUM - "Jesus, A Gospel" by Henri Nouwen. Sunday mornings at 9am via ZOOM. Week 1 - September 19: The Introduction and God's Way; Week 2 - September 26: The Gospel Begins.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP in collaboration with St. John's, St. Bart's and St. Nick's is going to the Rope Course at The Adventure Park at Sandy Springs Friends School on Sunday, September 26th at 3:45pm. Tickets are \$50. **There are ONLY 16 spots.** Contact Mo. Shivaun to reserve your spot and arrange payment. Adult chaperones are welcome.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL 20TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING - Friday, September 24th starting at 9am at Hampshire Greens Golf Course, 616 Firestone Dr. Ashton, MD. For more information or to register contact Judy Kennedy at judy.kennedy@stjes.org or at 301-774-6804

DEUTERONOMY BIBLE STUDY - Tuesday evenings 7:30-8:30pm on ZOOM. To join the Bible study group, please contact Jerry or Bree Bruemmer (think36man@gmail.com) or (isak3@hotmail.com).

ST. JOHN'S PARTNERSHIP WITH HARVEST SHARE resulted in collecting a total of 438 pounds of fresh produce to combat hunger for local food pantries of which included Olney Help and Montgomery County Ministries. Thank you for your generous donations, we could not have done it without you.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday 9am to 1pm
Masks are required when inside the building.

PUMPKIN PATCH @ St. John's Episcopal Church **OCTOBER 2nd - 31st**

Mon - Fri: 2-8pm | Weekends: 10am-8pm



**Quality Pumpkins at a great price!
Daycares, Classes & Groups welcome!**

CONTACTLESS PAY... Sorry NO CASH!
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Preschool Playdates

Oct. 19th & 22nd - 9:30 to 11:30am



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Pumpkins are being delivered on Thursday, September 30th and we need all the help we can get to make this season a success. **Volunteers are needed on Friday, October 1st** to help unpack the pumpkins from their boxes and make the patch warm and inviting. **Starting October 2nd, we need volunteers to staff the patch**, including “back-up” sign-ups for when we have last minute volunteer cancelations. We have 2 hours afternoon, evening, or weekend shifts available. The patch opens to the community on Saturday, October 2nd through the 31st. Hours will be: weekdays from 2 to 8pm and on weekends from 10am to 8pm.

COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed. Volunteers, customers and visitors will be required to wear masks and follow proper physical distancing guideline for sales and interaction, and the number of customers will be limited at any given time.

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VESTRY

Glen Drew, 2023 - *Sr. Warden / Stewardship*
Dan Phillips, 2023 - *Jr. Warden / Christian Ed.*
Nancy Olkewicz 2023 - *Outreach*
Anna Mazzucco, 2024 - *Parish Life*
Carolyn Schopp, 2024 - *B&G / STJES*

Larry Rotondo / Aparna Williams - *Treasurer*
Bruce Hohl, 2022 - *Worship*
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Doug Perkins, 2022 - *Evangelism*
Stephen Simpson, 2024 - *Communications*

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