



THE SIXTEENTH  
SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2024  
10:00 AM

*A warm welcome to all who come to worship at St. John's this beautiful day. If you are visiting with us, we would like to get to know you better, so please fill out a visitor's card found in the pew and place in the offering plate.*

*There is no wrong way to worship. The people's responses are in bold and instructions for sitting, standing, and kneeling are in italics. We invite you to participate in the way that feels most comfortable and authentic to you.*

**Prelude**

*Berceuse*

Langlais

## THE WORD OF GOD

### **Hymn 410**

*Praise my soul the King of heaven*

*Sung by all.*

*Lauda anima*

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

**People** **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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 679**

*Surely it is God who saves me*

*Sung by all.*

Thomas Merton

### **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## The First Lesson

*Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23*

- <sup>1</sup>A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.  
<sup>2</sup>The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.  
<sup>8</sup>Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.  
<sup>9</sup>Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.  
<sup>22</sup>Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate;  
<sup>23</sup>for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Lector           The Word of the Lord.

People           **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 125

*Antiphon sung by all.*



Show your good - ness, O Lord, to the true of heart.

- <sup>1</sup>Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.  
<sup>2</sup>The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
so does the Lord stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore. **Antiphon**  
<sup>3</sup>The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.  
<sup>4</sup>Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good \*  
and to those who are true of heart.  
<sup>5</sup>As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
but peace be upon Israel. **Antiphon**

## The Second Lesson

*James 2:1-10, 14-17*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. <sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Lector           The Word of the Lord.

People           **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able.*

## **Sequence Hymn 429, verses 1 & 2**

*I'll praise my maker*

*Sung by all.*

*Old 113th*

### **The Gospel**

*Mark 7:24-37*

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

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

<sup>24</sup>Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Celebrant      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sequence Hymn 429, verses 3 & 4**

*I'll praise my maker*

*Sung by all.*

*Old 113th*

*The people are seated.*

### **The Sermon**

*The people stand as able.*

### **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.**

## The Prayers of the People

- Lector We are humbled, O God, by the good you can do through us when we give ourselves over to you. Keep us close to you that we may be unafraid to speak your truth. Make your church quick to listen for your voice as we move forward as doers of the word. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for those who support your mission of mercy in the world; those who teach; and those who take your word into their hearts.
- People Pray for the Church.**
- Lector We are living on a vast and diverse planet. Guide those who guide others, that they may genuinely be concerned about the welfare of their people. Open our ears to the cries of your people who suffer in dark corners of this world, and open our hands to reach out to them with generous spirits.
- People Pray for the world.**
- Lector We are burdened by illnesses, anxieties, addictions, and broken relationships. Cover us with your grace and compassion. Drive far from us the fear which keeps us from trusting your goodness. We ask you to heal those who suffer, especially those we now name silently or aloud.
- People Pray for those who are suffering.**
- Lector We are grieved by the loss of those who have died, especially Mike, recently departed. Give us confidence in your promise of endless life with you, surrounded by your glory and accompanied by your saints and angels.
- People Pray for those who have died.**
- Celebrant We are astounded beyond measure by your creative powers, O God, and celebrate the mystery of all your creation. But most of all we celebrate the mystery of your love and care for us, for the gift of your Son, and the encouragement of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin and Absolution

- Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*The people kneel as able. Silence is kept for reflection.*
- Together 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.**
- Celebrant 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

- Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are seated.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Offertory

*Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, and shared in the peace, we now prepare ourselves for the gift of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, both in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. Here at St. John's, it is tradition that people stand as the elements are brought forward and are seated once the bread and wine are on the altar.*

## Offertory Anthem

*God be in my head*

K. Lee Scott

## Doxology

*Hymn 380, verse 3*

*Sung by all.*

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

5 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below. Al - le -  
9 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him, a - bove ye, heaven - ly host: praise  
12 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia!

## The Great Thanksgiving

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

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

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

**People** **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

**Celebrant** 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.

**People** **By your will they were created and have their being.**

**Celebrant** 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. Be we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned again one another.

**People** **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinner in your sight.**

**Celebrant** 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.

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

**Celebrant** 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 at you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Together**

The musical score is written for a choir or congregation in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Hea - ven and earth are full full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Celebrant** 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,

**People** We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.

**Celebrant** Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Leah and Rachel; 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.

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

**Celebrant** 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.

**People** AMEN.

## The Lord's Prayer

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

**People** **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.**

## Fraction Anthem

*Sung by all.*

5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver  
7 is sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia

## The Invitation to Holy Communion

*The people are seated. Please move at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the priest. Wine is also available. Intinction (dipping of wafer into the cup of wine) by the congregation is not allowed.*

*If you prefer not to drink from the cup, the priest can dip the wafer for you; simply indicate this desire by placing your palms together. Receiving the bread only is full participation in the Eucharist.*

*If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Holy Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.*

*All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. While we believe that it is most meaningful when done as a baptized Christian, no one will ever be turned away from God's table.*

## The Post Communion Prayer

**Celebrant** 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.**

## The Blessing

## **The Closing Hymn 371**

*Thou, whose almighty word*

*Sung by all.*

*Moscow*

## **The Dismissal**

**Celebrant**      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

**People**        **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## **The Postlude**

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