THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II September 12, 2021 at 10:15am



WELCOME

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. We are glad you are here. Please tell us a little bit about yourself by clicking the QR Code below or by filling out a pew card and placing it is in the offertory plate.

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Worship sources used in today's service include:

BCP: Book of Common Prayer HYMN: 1982 Hymnal



THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Near to the Heart of God

LANI SMITH

Tune McAfee by Cleland B McAfee

Cleland Boyd McAfee (September 25, 1866 – February 4, 1944) was an American theologian, Presbyterian minister and hymn writer, best known for penning the gospel hymn, "Near to the Heart of God," and its tune called "McAfee". He wrote the song after the concurrent deaths of two of his young nieces, caused by diphtheria.

OPENING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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OPENING ACCLAMATION (please remain standing)

BCP 355

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY BCP 355

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*.

GLORIA Glory to God PAGE 12

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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*.

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 50:4-9a (please be seated for the readings)

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens-- wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord. *People Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 116:1-8 (read responsively)

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; * I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *

"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; * our God is full of compassion.

5 The LORD watches over the innocent; *

I was brought very low, and he helped me.

6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *

for the LORD has treated you well.

7 For you have rescued my life from death, * my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD * in the land of the living.

THE SECOND LESSON: 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.

The Word of the Lord. *People Thanks be to God.*

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Once to every man and nation

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 8:27-38 (please remain standing)

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

THE REV. PHILIP SNYDER

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. (pause) 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: FORM III (please kneel if you are able)

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. James, Exchange and St. John in the Wilderness, Eagles Mere. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania. *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Audrey, our Bishop; and Amanda, Matt, and Stacey, our clergy.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Joe, our President; Tom, our Governor; and Danene, our Mayor. *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Amy Swiernik, Missy Braden, Angelica, Carl, Chase, Cole, Dave Pennell, Emily Lavender, Geta, Hank, Joanna Torres, Ken Kiedrowski, Kerry Cater, Martha, Pablo Gouveia, and Sandy Grove.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest. *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth:

Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do
your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONFESSION BCP 360

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

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 HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

DAVID CHERWIEN

John Zundel's BEECHER (named after Henry Ward Beecher, his pastor) was first published in his Christian Heart Songs (1870) as a setting for Charles Wesley's "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling". The tune is also known as ZUNDEL. Approximating the shape of a rounded bar form (AA'BA'), BEECHER is a strong tune with clean rhythms that should be sung in harmony and with solid organ support.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN Come, thou fount of every blessing HYMN 686 (v.2)

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361

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 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 HYMN S-130

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

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:

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

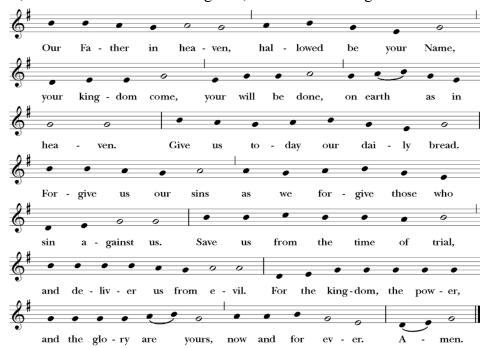
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER BCP 364

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



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

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

THE INVITATION BCP 365

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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

Holy God, send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you. The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you all and remain with you always. Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN

How firm a foundation

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GOOD NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

God is Our Hope and Strength

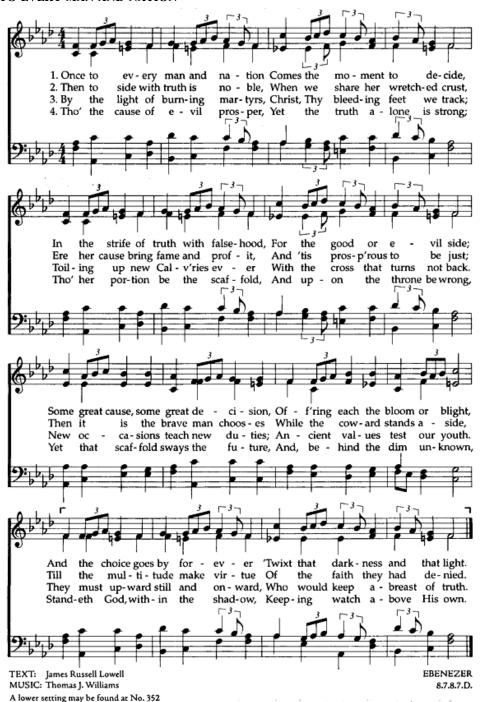
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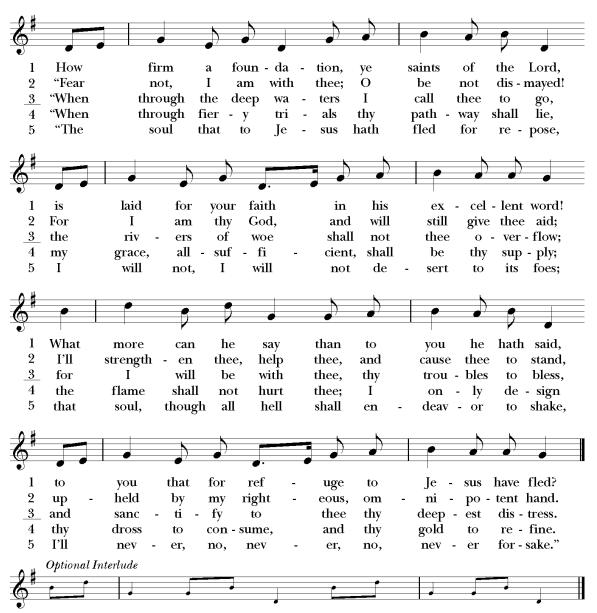
GLORY TO GOD HYMN S-280



ONCE TO EVERY MAN AND NATION







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UPCOMING MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S:

Today

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I (In-Person)
9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Formation

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II (In-Person and Online)

Monday, September 13th

5:15 p.m. Daughters of the King Meeting (Courtyard)

Tuesday, September 14th

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

1:30 p.m. Martha's Ministry (Knitters)

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

5:00 p.m. VH Dance (Auditorium)

Wednesday, September 15th

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer (Sanctuary)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 16th

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

Friday, September 17th

9:00am Community Meal Prep (Parish Hall)

Weekly Support Ministries

AA: Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. (All Purpose Room)

NA: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 12:00 Noon (Parish Hall)

VESTRY NOMINEES!

The Vestry has three seats coming open in January of 2022. Based on a recent revision to the By-Laws, there are nine members of the Vestry. Each member serves for three years. The elections are staggered so that three positions are elected each year. Vestry members attend a monthly meeting. Each member is also assigned to act as the liaison with a Committee or Ministry in the Parish. Although it can vary, a time commitment of 5-8 hours per month can be expected.

The Vestry's Nominating Committee is seeking interested Parishioners that want to serve on the Vestry. We are truly looking for new people who have not previously served before. Please consider offering your time and talents to serve on the Vestry. Any member, 16 or older, are welcome. Don't be shy; if you believe you have a calling to help, speak up. If interested, please contact one of the following members of the Vestry: Webb Cook, Molly Moyer, Deb Carter or Tim Huber. Thank you.



A SPECIAL REQUEST:

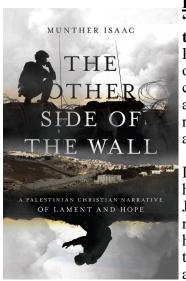
Parishioner Paula Wolf, who uses a wheelchair, is in need of transportation to the 10:15 service. The Red Rose Access van can take her home but not pick her up. She lives on Abbeyville Road in Lancaster Township, across from Manor House Apartments, and will reimburse drivers for their time and mileage. Any help would be appreciated! Please contact her at paulawolf.lnp@gmail.com or 717-917-0434.

We have other parishioners who could also use a ride on Sunday mornings. If you can help, please contact Amanda+ directly!



SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Our Sunday School year officially begins TODAY! You and your children are invited to head downstairs to the Christian Education wing for church school from 9:15AM-10:00AM. Our teachers are excited to kick off another year of formation!



FALL BOOK STUDY: Sept. 12 at 9:15AM in the Parish Hall "Christians have lived in Palestine since the earliest days of the Jesus movement. The Palestinian church predates Islam. Yet Palestinian Christians find themselves marginalized and ostracized. In the heated tensions of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the voices of Palestinian Christians are often unheard and ignored. This book provides an opportunity to hear the realities of life on the ground from a leading Palestinian pastor and theologian.

Isaac laments the injustices suffered by the Palestinian people but holds out hope for a just peace and ways to befriend and love his Jewish and Muslim neighbors. In contrast to the dominant religious and nationalistic ideologies and agendas for the region, he offers a theology of the land and a vision for a shared land that belongs to God, where there are no second-class citizens of any kind." (https://www.ivpress.com/the-other-side-of-the-wall)

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