# THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 AT 10:15AM



First Free Church of Pennsylvania Est. 1853

#### 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 or by filling out a pew card and placing it is in the offertory plate.



Masks are required during worship as we seek to protect the most vulnerable among us. Additional masks are available in the atrium. Thank you for helping us love our neighbors.

### THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude** Trust and Obey

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay; not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey.

**OPENING HYMN** O worship the King, all glorious above

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STEWART LANDON

**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

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet 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 LESSON: Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29 (Please be seated)

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people?

Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

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

# PSALM 19:7-14 (read responsively)

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: 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. *People Thanks be to God.* 

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Lord, we have come at your own invitation

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THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 9:38-50 (please remain standing)

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

People 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 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.* 

People

#### SERMON

# THE NICENE CREED (please stand)

**BCP 358** 

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 All Saints, Hanover and St. Andrew's in the City, Harrisburg. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Episcopal Church, let us pray to the Lord.

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. We pray for those serving in the armed forces.

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, Joanna Torres, Ken Kiedrowski, Kerry Cater, Martha, Pablo Gouveia, Tiny Nolan 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 The Lone Wild Bird MARTY HAUGEN

David Johnson, while on a voyage by ship from Los Angeles to Bombay (now Mumbai), India in the early 1940s, was inspired by the vision of a solitary white bird in the vast expanse of the South Pacific. This experience seems to have influenced the pairing of this text with PROSPECT. Given the geographical setting of Johnson's inspiration, changing the text from "fowl" to "bird" and "no man's" to "far-off lands" makes sense. Seeing a fowl over a stark West Texas landscape is much different from spotting a lone bird in the middle of the rolling waves of the South Pacific. (History of Hymns, C. Michael Hawn, University Distinguished Professor of Church Music, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.)

THE PRESENTATION HYMN As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought HYMN 705

As those of old their first fruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield; so we today our first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of farm and market, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.

# 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 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.

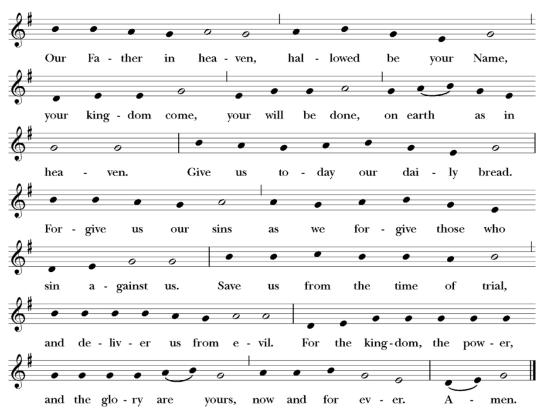
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending 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

For the bread which you have broken

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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

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* 

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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** 

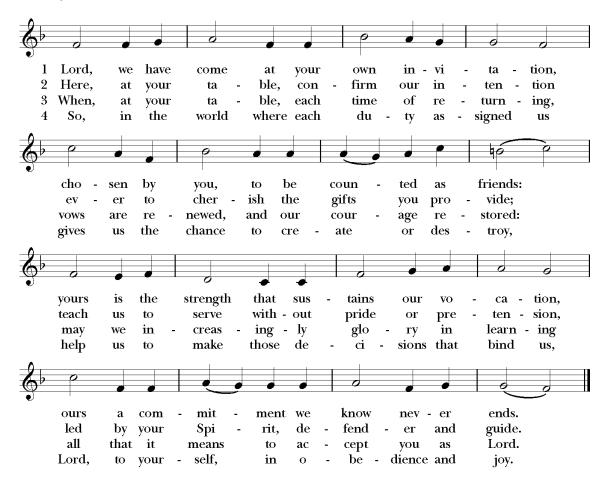
Built on the Rock

ROGER C WILSON Based on the Tune Kirken Den Er Et by Ludvig M Lindemann



GLORY TO GOD HYMN S-280





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WORDS: Psalm 103:1-6; Joachim Neander, 1680;

tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

MUSIC: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

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

**Today** 

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

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

Monday, September 27th

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 28th

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 29th

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

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 30th

2:30 p.m. Food Pantry

6:00 p.m. Convocation Meeting (Zoom)

Friday, October 1st

9:00am Community Meal Prep (Parish Hall)

6:00p.m. Blessing of the Animals

**Weekly Support Ministries** 

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

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

<u>Vestry Nominees</u>: Are you interested in serving on vestry? Do you have a heart for this parish and a call to lead? Any member, 16 or older, are welcome. Don't be shy; if you believe you have a calling to serve, please contact one of the following members of the Vestry: Webb Cook, Molly Moyer, Deb Carter or Tim Huber. Thank you.

<u>Outreach Meeting</u>: Your Vestry stewards for Outreach will be hosting a meeting on Thursday, September 30 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. All Outreach Ministry leaders are encouraged to attend as well as anyone who may be interested in exploring the formation of a committee to assist with Afghan resettlement in our community. Contact John Gouveia or Mary Waskowicz with any questions.

# **Upcoming Continued:**

# **Nursery Volunteers:**

We are looking to have nursery volunteers during the 10:15 service until we can hire somebody new. Volunteers will need to submit their background and child abuse clearances. We will create a sign-up sheet for everyone to schedule when they can help. Please contact Karen DiPace at <a href="Karen.dipace@gmail.com">Karen.dipace@gmail.com</a> if you are able to help or if you have any questions. Our hope is that we have enough helpers to only help once a month or even every six weeks.

# Parish-wide Breakfast:

Come one, Come all! Our first monthly Parish wide breakfast will be hosted on Sunday, October 3rd at 9:00 a.m. This month's breakfast will be hosted by the Vestry of St. John's. Breakfast is free of charge, but we invite you to contribute via a free-will-offering to help cover expenses.

# Beer, Brats, and the Burning of the Bank Note:

We did it! We now have enough pledge commitments to complete our Capital Campaign. So, let's celebrate! Join us on October 9th, in the courtyard, for a festive celebration. Please RSVP to Rosemary Coverly at rcoverly@aol.com



BRING YOUR PET (LEASHED OR CAGED), FAVORITE STUFFED ANIMAL, OR PICTURE!

A BUNCH OF CHURCHES ARE GETTING TOGETHER FOR:

# THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!

Join us as we give thanks for our pets, celebrate creation, and remember the ministry of St. Francis.

WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1 AT 6:00 PM
WHERE: ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH (COURTYARD)
321 W. CHESTNUT ST., LANCASTER, PA 17603

During the outdoor service, a free will offering will be collected for Lancaster SPCA.

#### **OUR MINISTERS**

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The Rev. Matt MacDougall, Associate Rector matt@stjohns-lancaster.org

The Rev. Stacey Catigano, Deacon scatigano@gmail.com

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