

Saint John's Episcopal Church

Eighteen Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 20

SATURDAY and SUNDAY

September 21 and 22, 2024

The Prelude *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus / setting by Michael D Costello*

The Opening Hymn *All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine*

The Hymnal 1982, 477

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

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

The Celebrant may say

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.**

The Gloria *said at 5pm, sung at 9:30*

The Hymnal 1982, S 280

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

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.**

The First Lesson

Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22

This first reading describes the philosophy of deluded sinners who find no purpose in life and persecute the one who is righteous. They wish not only to take advantage of the good person, but also to test and finally put to death anyone whose very goodness is a reproach their way of life. They will make trial both of those who perceive themselves to among God's children, and of the God in whom they have placed their confidence.

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;
considering him a friend, they pined away
and made a covenant with him,
because they are fit to belong to his company.

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,
"Short and sorrowful is our life,
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,
and no one has been known to return from Hades.

Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;
he reproaches us for sins against the law,
and accuses us of sins against our training.

He professes to have knowledge of God,
and calls himself a child of the Lord.

He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;
the very sight of him is a burden to us,
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,
and his ways are strange.

We are considered by him as something base,
and he avoids our ways as unclean;
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,
and boasts that God is his father.

Let us see if his words are true,
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;
for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him,
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

Let us test him with insult and torture,
so that we may find out how gentle he is,
and make trial of his forbearance.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death,
for, according to what he says, he will be protected."

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,
for their wickedness blinded them,
and they did not know the secret purposes of God,
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response, Psalm 54

This psalm is a prayer of salvation by one who is persecuted.

We will read the Psalm breaking at the half-verse.

Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.

Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.

For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.

Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.

For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

The Second Lesson

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

In this New Testament letter from James, believers are to cleave to wisdom that is pure, peaceable, gentle, and full of mercy and good fruits. The community must recognize the results of worldly attitudes and desires: jealousy, disorder, quarrels, even murder. Prayers are too often offered for the wrong motives, but a harvest of righteousness is sown for those who sow in peace. The wise will refuse evil and draw near to God, and in doing so, they will find that God has also drawn near to them.

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 Gradual Hymn *One small child*

Voices Found, 70

1 One small child Je - sus called, set in the mid-dle of the
 2 Up - side down, down-side up, go our per-cep-tions of
 3 "Take my hand, un - der - stand- this is the mod-el for the

grown-ups' cir - cle: "Wel - come him, Wel - come her, and
 who's the great - est: "Take my word, trust my word as
 king - dom peo - ple. Blessed are you, all of you who

then you are wel - com - ing me."
 read - i - ly as this small child."
 come to me like this small child."

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The Gospel *all standing, as able*

Mark 9:30-37

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

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

The Reverend Alan R. Hesse

Enriching our Worship 1

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,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who 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

You are invited to offer your intercessions.

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;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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;

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;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We remember those on our prayer list: Mary, Christy, Brian, Steve, Charlie, Bruce, Luke, Dave, John, Joe, Leo, Sunny, Kim, Alannah, and MaryAnn.

We give thanks for the churches in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, the Churches of the North Shore Deanery: Wyman Memorial Church of St. Andrew (Marblehead), St. Michael's Church (Marblehead), St. Mary's Church (Rockport), Congregations: Secretaries and Administrators.

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in remembrance of the lives of Bud, Nancy, Bill, and Nancy Palmer by Christie Lowrance.

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.

The Book of Common Prayer, page 387

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *The people may add their own petitions silently or aloud.*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Confession and Absolution

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

Minister and People

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.

The Priest 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

All stand, as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Offertory Anthem *Dona Nobis Pacem*

setting by Hal H Hopson

The Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!***



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer, page 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.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

The Hymnal 1982, S 129

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel, as able.

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:

Celebrant and People

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.**

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

**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/Fraction Anthem

Voices Found, 80 verses 3-5

Refrain Bread of life, hope of the world,

Jesus Christ, our brother:

feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.

We eat this living bread,
we drink this saving cup;
sign of hope in our broken world,
source of lasting love. **Refrain**

Hold us in unity,
in love for all to see:
that the world may believe in you,
God of all who live. **Refrain**

You are the bread of peace,
you are the wine of joy,
broken now for your people,
poured in endless love. **Refrain**

Celebrant These are the gifts of God, for you the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Christ in your hearts by faith,

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Please hold out your hand to receive the host. You may ask for the chalice or receive the wine in the small cups offered to you in a tray. If you prefer not to receive the wine, please cross your arms and wait for the minister to say "The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

As you return to your seats, deposit your cup in the place provided.

If you **prefer to receive a blessing** you may cross your arms across your chest.

If you would like to **remain in your seat** and receive communion, please **let an usher know**.

The Communion Hymn *I come with joy* (please join in singing with the choir)

The Hymnal 1982, 304

The Postcommunion Prayer

**Almighty and ever-living God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries and Celebrations

The Closing Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

The Hymnal 1982, 390

The Dismissal

Eucharistic Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude *Postlude in E flat*

Henry Maxfield

Serving This Weekend

Celebrant: **The Rev. Alan R. Hesse**

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: **Mary Ames**(5pm); **Greg Roche** (9:30am)

Lectors: **Lillian Woo** (5pm); **Susan Carliss** and **Celia Bailey-Ochoa**(9:30am)

Musicians: **Misao Koyama** and **Choir**

Altar Guild: **Sylvia Connor, Bev Messersmith, Phyllis Helfrich, and Anne Miller**

Sunday School: **Lynn Tozier** and **Will Hibbard**

Ushers: **Mary Howe** and **Lynn Tozier**

Hospitality: **Celia Bailey-Ochoa, Mary Howe, and Mary Ellen Ricketts**

Announcements

St. John's Episcopal Church Sandwich Financial Summary For the Eight Months Ended August 31, 2024

Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit) at the end of August was (\$40,797) compared to a budgeted deficit of (\$42,789). The \$1,992 favorable budget variance results from higher Pledge and Miscellaneous revenue than planned year-to-date (YTD) that is

currently offsetting other unfavorable revenue variances and a \$908 net unfavorable expense variance. Expenditures are being closely monitored.

Space Use revenue is \$1,958 less than planned primarily due to timing of the #161 Main Street renovation, and Fundraising revenue is \$2,873 less than planned YTD . . . and we have goals to raise \$23,000 more by the end of the year! The Thrift Shop continues to achieve results that are higher than budgeted. A successful July 4 Pancake Breakfast, along with the Summer Breeze Concert Series which brought in \$3,000, greatly contributed to fundraising goals. Many thanks go out to all those who donated their time and treasure to make the Concert Series a success – special thanks go out to Deb Roberts, our fearless leader in this endeavor! Celia Bailey-Ochoa, Treasurer

Thank you Kathy Uggerholt and Dee McLaughlin for providing Hospitality goodies and Ice Cream Sundaes for Blessing of the Backpacks service last weekend. **Thanks also to Lynn Tozier and Will Hibbard** for their efforts coordinating the service. There were a number of families and children in attendance and it was a very special service.

The Caring for Creation Team invites you to the next environmental presentation with Wayne R. Petersen, on Tuesday evening, September 24 at 7pm in the parish hall. Wayne's presentation on threats to the North American Bird populations. Bring your friends and family. Admission is free but freewill donations are graciously accepted.

Please consider supporting The Walk to End Alzheimer's. Team "Mary's Memories Matter" are walking again this year at Heritage Gardens on Oct. 6th. Visit act.alz.org, search **"Find a Team"** and type in Team Mary's Memories Matter to support us. We are so very grateful.

This Week at St. John's - September 21-September 29, 2024

Saturday, Sep. 21

5pm Worship with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, Sep. 22

9:30am Worship with Holy Eucharist and Sunday School
Hospitality following worship, Parish Hall

Monday, Sep. 23

10am Al-Anon, Parish Hall
4:30pm, Lasit Performing Arts Acting workshop,
Hall

Tuesday, Sep. 24

12noon AA, Parish Hall
7pm - Caring for Creation Series, Parish Hall

Wednesday, Sep. 25

1pm Quilters, Parish Hall (weekly until November)
7pm Choir Rehearsal, Parish Hall

Thursday, Sep. 26

12noon AA, Parish Hall
4:30 Lasit Performing Arts, Parish Hall
6pm AA, Undercroft

Friday, Sep. 27

1pm Caring for Creation via Zoom

Saturday, Sep. 28

9:30am AA, Parish Hall
5pm Worship with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, Sept. 29

9:30am Worship with Holy Eucharist and Sunday School
Hospitality following worship, Parish Hall

Vestry Members

Paul Coyle, *Senior Warden*
Ann Geary Roche, *Junior Warden*
Celia Bailey Ochoa, *Treasurer*
Lillian Woo, *Clerk*
Jeff Culty, *vestry*

Sandy Scannell, *vestry*
Kathy Uggerholt, *vestry*
Mary Ames, *vestry*
Deborah Roberts, *vestry*
Gregory B. Roche, *vestry*

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